



The meeting of the Board of Directors of the *Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Association, Inc.* was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, August 29, 2014 at the Lane House Annex. In attendance were Midge McGinnis, Karen Robertson, Deb Gray, John Robertson, Leslye Wing, Celia Scott (Mike Burke), Debbie Levings and Landa Bailly, Steve Kennerly was not present, but was available by phone.

School House Roof

Per phone call to Steve Kennerly, the bid process was to be completed as of Friday, August 29th. If there were no other bids, then Steve Songer will be the contractor. Steve Songer is also interested in doing interior work.

Campground Plans

Board reviewed the plans. Only comment we had to send back to Gary Groth was the importance of insuring there were 20 sites that would qualify for the Oregon State parks & Recreation Department (OPR revenue). Some concern voiced about the 'group' site proposed at the pavilion. Would this possibly lead people to camp up there and not use the campsites?

Distribution of Funds to County

Board in agreement on a plan that has been proposed to County Commissioners and Park Director. Will proceed with this plan. Board is in agreement that we want to protect our 'donors' investments and insure that the campground is completed and approved for OPR revenues.

Annual Meeting

Annual Membership meeting is due to happen in September. Date will be Saturday, September 20th, starting at 10 a.m.. Checking on availability of Oakland City Hall and snacks. Will post notices in local papers and email will be sent to members. Include a request for RSVP if coming and also include a 'teaser' about campground plans being available to encourage attendance.

Annual Garage Sale – Oakland

We will be participating in this, however, we will only have limited ‘sale goods’. In place of garage sale items, instead we will be offering ‘store bought’ goods such as cookies, candy, etc. Date is October 4th. Space fee is due on day of event (\$20).

Business Cards/Name Tags/Return Labels/Stamp

Business Cards – we have a template for them. Anyone wanting them, contact Midge and she will print off a sheet of cards

Name Tags – good idea, Leslye volunteered to create the tags for us. Will purchase the plastic sleeve/pin holders for the tags.

Return Labels/Stamp pad – this was going to be purchased a few months ago during our campground fund raising efforts. Not really needed now. Midge has return label template and just prints them off when needed for membership renewals, thank you letters, etc. Anyone needing some, let Midge know and she can print you a sheet.

Flyer Handout

Good discussion regarding pictures on handout. Agreement reached that we will include a picture of an adult/children on bikes looking at one of the buildings in the day use area. On a side note, our ‘glossy’ brochure supply is down to the bottom of the barrel. We will need to look into updating and reprinting this brochure in the very near future. This is where we can have more pictures than the ‘flyer’. Want to keep the flyer easy and inexpensive to reprint (sticking with 8-1/2 x 11 format will even allow one of us to print it at home if necessary).

Grantmakers of Oregon / SW Washington

Very exciting lunch event coming up on Thursday, September 18th. Request sent to The Friends to ‘welcome’ a group of 40 individuals associated with the Grantmakers of Oregon. We will reserve the park for them, help welcome them, pick up their boxed lunches from Tolly’s and set up the picnic tables for them. Excellent opportunity to show the park off to a group of folks who have a say in who receives grants from various organizations. Will be held in Day Use Area (with backup being Equestrian pavilion if raining.)

Grants

- Steve has sent out ‘feeler’ emails to 3 organizations. Kinsman has replied back and this grant will be applied for later – after roof is completed.
- AQHA grant – this was sent in to organization, however, critical information was missing. We were given an extension, but due to the requirements, we bowed out of it. Leslye has volunteered to work on it next year. It is a trail grant though

and may be better applied for by a group such as OET with us supporting their submission.

- Toyota Grant – we were requested to do a ‘joint’ submission. Board felt that it might be wiser to either have other group submit with our letter of support or vice versa. Trying to do a joint submission can be tricky when it comes to funding/overseeing, etc. Grant requests are due by October 30 for fall cycle or sometime in April for spring cycle.
- Hawthorne grant – was spraying done? We do not think that Cindy Bright’s grant included spraying.

Greg Eggers Maps

Reviewed the text on the maps. Decision made to change the wording where it says ‘hiking trails’ to say Nature Trail and Ranch View trail. Also, need to have another ‘trail’ sign directing day use folks to the other trails across the bridge (equestrian area).

Trail Dash – 2015

Lots of ideas to increase attendance at this event (dogs invited, children’s event, less silent auction items, etc.). Need more ‘small’ freebies for runners. Will not begin work on this until after Campground is completed, but gather ideas now. Leslye is going to use Kathleen Miller to do t-shirt design again and request that she create something that would look nice on the turquoise shirt.

Also discussion about creating another annual fundraising event. Use this for silent auction items. Gather ideas now. Will work on later. Perhaps something similar to Living History Day.

Other Items

Lock boxes at park. We have cost estimate for locks. We were approached by Commissioner Robertson to look into ways The Friends could help the County get this moving. Motion made by Leslye to approve the cost of 2 lock boxes, writing a proposal to County and assisting with collection of funds. Landa will arrange to get on PAB agenda to discuss this idea.

Adopt-A-Park – this is another item that we will bring to the PAB. We would like to propose that both the lock boxes and garbage pick up would be two items that we would volunteer to do as an adopter.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 noon.

EVENT DATES

September 20, 2014 – Annual Meeting – Location TBD

September 15, 2014 – Adopt A Highway (note change of date)

October 4, 2014 – Oakland Garage sale (annual)

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be on Saturday, September 20. Annual Meeting