



The meeting of the Board of Directors of the *Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Association, Inc.* was called to order at 9:15 a.m. on Friday, August 28, 2015 at the Lane House Annex. Present were board members John Robertson, Landa Baily, Midge McGinnis, Leslye Wing, Karen Roberson, Deb Gray, Steve Kennerly and Celia Scott. Also in attendance: Mike Burke.

AGENDA ITEMS

Fall Fund Raiser

Will not be holding the Fall Fund Raiser on September 19th. Working with Triple Oak to host a fund raiser in Oct/Nov timeframe. D. Gray will cancel the reservation we tentatively had at Park.

Trees in Campground

Short discussion with Gary Groth was held after the last PAB meeting regarding planting some shade trees in the campground area. Recommended Red Oak. C. Scott will check on availability, pricing, selection from local nursery. L. Wing will check with their supplier. Estimate about 20 trees would be ideal. Additionally, they would need either fence or maybe pallet protection from deer. Will also want to check with County on what they could provide. Should be t-posts in Underwood barn. Will revisit at next Board Meeting.

Guide Star

Guide Star is a key organization for non-profits and we have been a member for a number of years with M. McGinnis being the only person with administrative rights. Landa made a motion that we add D. Gray to administrative management list and J. Robertson seconded it. All voted yes. M. McGinnis will add.

Barn Roof

County has asked if The Friends would be willing and able to provide \$4,000 towards repairing the Underwood Barn Roof. The board discussed this request at length. L. Wing will reply back to Gary that unfortunately, we do not have the funds available. However, it was agreed that our fall fundraiser will be dedicated to raising funds for this purpose. Agreed that we would fund up to \$4,000 towards the Underwood Barn. We have also applied to Restore Oregon to place this barn on the Most Endangered list for

2016. Should we be successful, we would be able to obtain more funds to assist in saving this barn.

We would like to see the one roof panel fastened back down, however, we also realize that the biggest cost is going to be bringing a large lift in which would only need to be done again when the rest of the roof is repaired (apparently many nails are very loose on it). Do not know if there is any way that it could be done from the inside.

Side Note: Ask Gary Groth the status of removing chimney from Mildred's House prior to winter rains.

Civil War Enactment Event

Currently there is a Civil War Enactment scheduled for the park in September of 2016. This will bring significant exposure to the County and Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park. We would like to 'spread' the word as much as possible. L. Baily will contact Veronica to see if we can obtain a contact name.

Letters of Intent – Grants

Letters of Intent have been drafted to send to various grantors prior to submitting grant request. We are committed to quite a large sum of money for Mildred's Home Plan and will need grant funds to cover costs. L. Baily and K. Roberson will be contacting Brandon Spencer-Hartle at Restore Oregon to discuss potential organizations to contact regarding grants and sample RFP. L. Baily has also researched the work done at the Egyptian Theater in Coos Bay, OR and has been in contact with their Executive Director, Kara Long.

Side note. L. Baily will summarize the monetary commitments for Mildred's House and forward to Board Members for reference.

Video

Mike Burke and Celia Scott have very generously agreed to fund a short video of the park to be used on our Facebook page, website, etc. This will probably be done in the spring and ideas of what to be included are: hikers and equestrians in the Fern Woods forest, campground, day use area, school house, native plants, cemetery, work parties. We can supply numerous pictures that could be incorporated into a slide show in video. Discussion as to whether or not individual doing video has a contact at Oregon Field Guide and if it would be possible to have Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park mentioned/featured in it.

Discussions

Board Goals; By-Laws, etc.

Our organization has come a long way since its inception and our goals, directions, etc. have changed and increased tremendously. It was unanimously decided that contacting potential grant sources to inquire about them working with our organization to harmonize us, review our by-laws, goals, etc. would be a wise move. K. Roberson will work on contacting them and obtaining more information.

Weed Eradication

During the recent submission of a grant request to the county for approval, it was determined that there needs to be more information gathering done. Gary Groth has given us some information regarding clearing of weeds in open areas. Discussion today (including a map) zeroed us in on the actual trails we would like to ‘attack’ first. L. Wing will send G. Groth an email with map and ask for his input to our ideas. D. Gray and a couple of other board members will take a ‘day trip’ out to the park to look, first hand at what the situation is. We have heard from the Oregon birders organization that they are very interested in helping hand clear noxious weeds from the Park probably next spring. Based on the information we can gather, we would like to be able to host a work party to hand clear these two trails. At that point, we would like to invite other groups to join us (ie: OET, ODS, hiker group maybe?)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Hot Rod Fun Run

As we did last year, a group of board members will be at the Park on Saturday, September 12th at lunch time to hand out water bottles and Park literature to the Sutherlin Hot Rod Fun Run participants when they stop at the park for lunch.

CrowdRise

During our Campground fundraising activities, we utilized the social media fund raising site – CrowdRise. D. Gray suggested that we use it again for Mildred’s Home Restoration. Board agreed and Deb has been given green light to ‘fix it up’ for Mildred’s Home.

School House

Steve will be meeting with Tom Rogers to obtain input on everything that is needed to work on the interior of the school. Once he has that and estimated costs, we can start applying for grants to cover this piece of the project.

Steve will also go forward with the sign planned for the school. He has decided that we can probably get both the school sign and one for the cemetery made out of the materials originally outlined.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

EVENT DATES

September 18 2015 Board Meeting – Change of time – 11 a.m.
September 19, 2015 Fall Fund Raiser – Postponed
September 21, 2015 Adopt-A-Highway

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be on Friday, September 18, 2015 (11 a.m.) – Lane House Annex – Roseburg.