



**The meeting of the Board of Directors of the *Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Association, Inc.*** was called to order at 10:15 a.m. on Friday, January 8, 2016 at the Lane House Annex. Present were board members: John Robertson, Karen Roberson, Deb Gray, Steve Kennerly, Leslye Wing and Midge McGinnis. Also attending were Tom Wing and Mike Burke. Board members Landa Baily and Celia Scott were unable to attend.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Oregon Cultural Trust Flyers**

Oregon Cultural Trust supplies flyers free of charge. M. McGinnis has obtained a supply of them and will include them with renewal notices.

### **Three Rivers Grant**

Grant has been submitted on time. This grant, if awarded, will cover the cost of restoring the antique school desks donated to us. Plan is that the restored desks will be placed in the School House as soon as the interior has been completed.

### **Civil War Re-Enactment**

North West Civil War Council has booked the Park for a “re-enactment” event from September 14 thru 19, 2016. C. Scott and L. Baily have been working with Oregon Economic Development (Conni Riley) on plans for a Living History event in Oakland to coincide with the Civil War Event. We received formal notification of this event from Gary Groth. He also included the name of the contact at the Council with a comment that we should feel free to contact them. L. Wing has volunteered to contact them to see what we, The Friends, could do to assist them.

The county has already started work on clearing approximately 40 acres of Hawthorne/Blackberry and the plan is to have this area cleared out for the event (Kidney Field). Additionally, as this organization needs a better route to take wagons, cannons, etc. to staging areas, the county will be working with them to install a culvert and wider trail. (see attached map, Location B).

## **RFP for Kanipe Park (Mildred's Home)**

L. Baily has been working closely with Jeff Lehrbach (Douglas County Planning) to identify qualified contractor to prepare a feasibility study. This information has been passed over to us, however, there is no financial impact mentioned in them. As L. Baily has been working this to date, board would like to see her continue these efforts, so that a contract can be drawn up and work started on the feasibility study. This does not cover any actual work, but rather contracts with a qualified person who can do a study on Mildred's home to determine both feasibility of restoration and what would be involved.

## **Parks Planning Meeting**

Several members of Friends Board attended the recent Parks Planning meeting. It was good to see so many people attending who support all the parks in county. Disappointing, however, that county is only addressing the Active parks, leaving many parks with no plan.

## **Recreational Trail Grant**

L. Wing brought us up to date on the status of the Recreational Trail Grant (which she is working on with OET (Oregon Equestrian Trails) and Thomas McGregor (Phoenix School)). This will be a joint effort between county and several other organizations (Phoenix School, Oregon Equestrian trails, etc.). The county will be submitting the grant and has already submitted a letter of intent. This is a matching fund grant, most of which will be covered by volunteer work. Thomas McGregor has been working closely with both L. Wing and the county with a goal of this being a project for the Phoenix School Youth Group. Others include Norma Talburt, Jill Talburt and Judy Seehawer, OET. Letters of support will be requested from several organizations including Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Asso., Inc. Board's only concern is that there are no environmental issues. Currently the trail being considered is Mildred's Forest where there are no streams that would be impacted (See attached map – Location A). K. Roberson has a contact (Terry Burleson, Project Planner, PUR (Partnership for Umpqua Rivers) who, at no charge, will come look at the trails in question and advise us of any potential issues. K. Roberson has asked that L. Wing let her know when a decision has been made on the trail to be worked on and she will have Terry walk it with us (probably Karen and Deb). Assuming there are no issues, Friends will feel comfortable submitting a letter of support.

## **Park Video**

A 2-5 minute promo video of the park is being prepared thru the generous support of C. Scott and M. Burke. They shared the filming schedule with us highlighting that the video should be ready for distribution by December 2016.

## **English Settlement School House Plans**

S. Kennerly has received some updated floor plans for the interior of the school house which he brought to meeting with extra copies for board members. This is the next step in the restoration of this building. Grant cycles soon to begin.

### ***In Memory***

*Our sincere condolences to Jim Long's family. Jim played an active part in many projects at the park. He will be missed by all of us who had the pleasure of working with him over the years.*

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

### **EVENT DATES**

July – 2016	Mildred's Trail Dash (date to be determined)
September 14 – 19, 2016	Civil War Re-Enactment

### **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be on Friday, February 12, 2016 (10 a.m.) – Lane House Annex – Roseburg.