



The meeting of the Board of Directors of the *Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Association, Inc.* was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 12, 2016 at the Lane House Annex. Present were board members: John Robertson, Karen Roberson, Landa Baily, Celia Scott, Leslye Wing and Midge McGinnis. Also attending were Tom Wing and Mike Burke. Board members Steve Kennerly and Deb Gray were unable to attend.

AGENDA ITEMS

Restore Oregon/CLG Grant (Mildred Kanipe's Home)

Jeff Lehrbach, Planner for the Douglas County Planning Department, who submitted the Certified Local Government grant request for the county, joined us to review the four responses the County received to the Request for Proposals for the preliminary planning documents to restore Mildred Kanipe's House. Brandon Spencer-Hartle from Restore Oregon also joined via phone. Funding for the preliminary planning documents from CLG and Restore Oregon Grants will be matched by Friends. The Planning Department received four responses from: George Kramer, Gregg Olson, Paul Falsetto and Mr. Wark. After a lengthily and in-depth discussion, a motion was made by Midge McGinnis that we would like to offer the contract to Paul Falsetto; the motion was seconded by John Robertson and there was a unanimous vote of yes. A joint letter will be sent to the other three respondents thanking them for their interest and letting them know that Friends and the Douglas County Planning Department hope they will be interested in bidding on future stages of the project. (Landa Baily will draft this letter to be put on our letterhead). The total cost for the preliminary documents will be stated in the contract to be no more than \$15,000.

Underwood Barn Roof

The county has completed the repairs on the Underwood Barn Roof. They have submitted copies of the estimate and invoice to us and we have issued a check in the amount of \$4,000 to the county to help cover the costs. This was possible thanks to the generosity of many donors, both those who were able to attend our Fall Fund Raiser and those who sent donations directly to our P. O. Box for this purpose. THANK YOU!

Trail Dash

Discussion regarding this year's Trail Dash. In order to reduce some of the effort involved in putting this event on, the same logo will be used with different t-shirt colors. As the 'donation letters' that were sent out prior to the Fall Fund Raiser event were such a huge success, we will take this approach again, by sending letters out encouraging 'sponsors'. We will also reduce the number of extra t-shirts purchased. Expecting a maximum of 70 runners. Run will be held on July 9th. Donations from this fund raiser will be used for various smaller projects (ie: painting of Mildred's grave fence, trail clearing, signage, etc).

Trail Grant

Leslye Wing is working closely with the Oregon Equestrian Trail group, the County and the Phoenix School on a grant for improving trails. The Friends have been requested to write a letter of support, motion to do this letter made by Midge McGinnis and seconded by Karen Roberson. Letter to be drafted by Leslye Wing and Landa Baily. This grant request will be submitted on March 4 and requests - \$10K for trails; \$4K for signage; \$6K for campground trees and \$10K for weed eradication.

Earth Day

We have historically participated in this event (scheduled for April 16, 2016) and board has given the 'go ahead' to one of our board members to 'sign us up'. 3-4 of the other board members have already volunteered to assist at the event.

Donations to other Non-Profit Organizations

Friends discussed the importance of the work other non-profits and what organizations are doing to increase park use and tourism in Douglas County. All board members agreed to individually support those organizations with their personal donations and by volunteering their time.

Master Plan

The county is working on a master plan for the parks in Douglas County. The Friends have and will continue to try and have a board member at the public meetings. Additionally, we are submitting suggestions to the county regarding what we would like to see happen with the Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park over the next 10-15 years. Karen Roberson has requested that ideas be submitted to her and she will compile.

OED (Oakland Economic Development) Membership

We will continue to be members of OED. We will also be including the fee to have a banner on their website this year.

English Settlement Schoolhouse Door

In 2013 we had the windows of the school house restored. The back door was also sent up to Portland at that time. It has not yet been returned and we are again contacting the contractor to try and get it back. We will even offer to have someone drive to Portland to retrieve it if contractor is not going to be able to deliver it to us.

Civil War Re-Enactment

In September of 2016, there will be a Civil War Re-enactment staged at the Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park! Oakland will be hosting a Living History Day at the same time in Oakland. The Friends will be working closely with the Oakland group. We will also be contacting the Re-enactment organization to introduce our group and to see if they would like our help in advertising the event via our Web Site/Facebook pages.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

EVENT DATES

March 23, 2016	Adopt-A-Highway (9 a.m. – Day Use Area)
April 16, 2016	Earth Day (TBD if we will have a table)
July 9, 2016	Mildred's Trail Dash
September 14 – 19, 2016	Civil War Re-Enactment
September 21, 2016	Adopt-A-Highway (9 a.m. – Day Use Area)

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be on Friday, March 4, 2016 (10 a.m.) – Lane House Annex