



**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, March 4, 2016 at the Lane House Annex. Present were board members: Landa Baily, Celia Scott, Leslye Wing, John Robertson, Karen Roberson, Midge McGinnis, Steve Kennerly. Deb Gray was unable to attend. Also in attendance were Tom Wing and Mike Burke.

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

**Earth Day (April 16)** – Friends will have a booth at this event. Celia has requested photos to be taken at the March 12<sup>th</sup> Trail Cleanups so that they can be displayed. Midge and Leslye will clean up the donation/membership flyer and Midge will have copies made. Celia Scott, Mike Burke, Landy Baily, Karen Roberson and Tom Wing have all volunteered to ‘man’ the booth.

**Annual Trail Clean up (March 20) (postponed from 3/12 due to inclement weather)** – Oregon Equestrian Trail organization will host the annual clean up of the equestrian/hiking trails and Friends will host clean up of the Nature and Hiking trails (located by Day Use Area). OET begins at 10 a.m., Friends begins at 9 a.m. Email to be sent to all Friends members encouraging them to come help. Suggested that this email also include some ideas for upcoming Work Parties (ie: painting fence around Mildred’s grave site, touching up the painted tree trail markings, etc.)

**School House Front Door** – discussion regarding front door of school house that contractor was going to build for us based on old door (which she took to Portland in 2012). Email sent to her last month requesting status with no response. Suggested that Midge McGinnis phone her and based on discussion advise her not to proceed with building of door. To be decided whether it is worth us driving to Portland to retrieve the original door (which is unusable). Another contractor had voiced an interest in this project a few years ago, who we may try and contact. We are looking for clear photos of this door as a sample.

**Trail Dash (July 9)** – Leslye Wing gathered names of potential poster/t-shirt sponsors. Will use same logo as last year with different colors. Leslye is working on donation/runner sign up sheets. Park has been reserved and paid for.

**Books for School House** – Conni Riley has generously offered to donate 1910 school books (including straps that children would have held them together with) if we want them. YES. Celia will contact Conni to arrange a time to meet with her. Suggested that

we ask Conni to attend next board meeting so that we can talk about the books and she can give us an update on the September Living History event that will be held in Oakland (scheduled to happen at the same time Civil War Re-enactment to be held at the park...which will increase the public's attention to Re-enactment, Oakland and the Park).

**Video** – Video being produced by Mike's daughter and son-in-law, is moving along. They interviewed Karen Roberson (who knew Mildred). Suggestion made to see if they can interview Bill Talburt. (Leslye to supply Celia with Bill's contact information).

On a side note, a letter that Mildred wrote was given to Gary Groth by Bill Talburt, we would love to have a copy.

### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

**Brochures – Inventory** – Original supply of glossy tri-fold brochures is almost depleted. After discussion it was decided that we would look at putting together a 3-1/4 x 8-1/4 pamphlet (similar to what the County has done for other parks). Midge will pick up one of them as a sample, email County to see if there are any plans in the works for them to produce one for Kanipe Park and, if not, Leslye will pull together a sample for next board meeting. After design done, Midge will gather estimates. Midge will also find out who prints the County ones.

**Window Stickers** – Our supply of window stickers is also almost depleted. Decision was made that we would go with a smaller version 3x4 (with a cut out pattern around Mildred). Estimates obtained from two vendors and vendor who supplied last order proved to be the best. Leslye will adjust the design to fit new size and change verbage at bottom from saying Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Association, Inc. to showing our web site URL. (Update – new stickers ordered and have arrived!)

**Geo-Caching** - Leslye Wing has been in contact with the Umpqua Valley Geo-Cache Association. She will continue to work with them. Goal would be to have some geo-caches located at the Park. We would supply the boxes (previously budget approved) and research having some of the 'geo-cache medallions' produced for the park.

**Grants** – Discussed need to start a 'grant team' and work on grants for the School House, Mildred's Home and other items needed at park. Need to start work on inside of school. Steve to obtain plans from Tom Rogers. Steve mentioned a resource (Oregon Foundation Data Book) that can be found at the library and on-line that has extensive lists of foundations offering grants.

**School Desk Restoration:** Three Rivers Grant application for school desks was not approved. Sometime ago, a contact was made offering us some additional desks. We do not know if these desks need to be refinished. We are hoping to find this contact again and check out the finish/not finished situation. If they are already finished, it

would save us from having to refinish the desks we do have. Landa has volunteered to contact this donor.

Side note on School interior restoration. Originally the interior was shellacked and at some point in time it was painted. Since this paint was lead based, we have a choice of painting over it or having it removed and going back to shellac. No decision made at today's meeting.

**Trail Grant** – Grant put together by others and county for trail work is scheduled to be submitted on 3/4/16. (Friends submitted a letter of support and board member, Leslye Wing is part of the group helping the county with this grant).

**Civil War Re-Enactment** – We still need to contact organizers of this event. Landa will do so after touching base with Conni Riley – Oakland Economic Development (so that we do not overlap efforts). We would like to offer to put a link on our Friends website to the Civil War site and also give them our website link to put on their website.

### **TABLED for Next Meeting**

**Orchard  
School House Sign  
Facebook Page**

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon

### **EVENT DATES**

March 20, 2016	Annual Trail Clean up – OET – Equestrian area and Friends for Hiking and Nature Trails (Day Use area)
March 23, 2016	Adopt-A-Highway (9 a.m. – Day Use Area)
April 16, 2016	Earth Day
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, April 1, 2016 (10 a.m.) – Lane House Annex