



**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, April 1, 2016 at the Lane House Annex. Present were board members: Landa Baily, Midge McGinnis, Karen Roberson, John Robertson, Celia Scott, Leslye Wing and Deb Gray. Steve Kennerly was absent. Also present were Mike Burke and guest, Stephanie Ashby from Tyee Outdoor Experiences.

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

**School House Front Door** – Discussion regarding English Settlement School House door (which is still with Amy McAuley in Portland). As the door is not repairable we needed to decide whether it should be thrown out or retrieved. It was decided that we would like it back as it would be interesting to display it at some point in time to illustrate how badly the school had deteriorated and how good it looks when totally restored. Midge will contact Amy and find out if she will be down here in the next few months and can drop it off, or if we need to have one of us pick it up in Portland.

**Membership Fees** – Discussion regarding the raising of our membership fee. It has been \$10 since our organization was founded. Karen Roberson made motion that we raise it to \$20 and Leslye Wing seconded it. Vote was unanimous. We will consider going up to \$25 next year.

**Membership/Donation Flyer** – As a decision has now been made on the membership fee, the “membership/donation flyer” can be drafted and printed in time for the Earth Day Event (April 16). Leslye Wing has received edits and will complete a draft for us. As soon as it is approved, Midge McGinnis will have sufficient copies made for Earth Day. It was suggested that we revisit the text once again before we print the final 2016 version.

**Single Sheet Brochure – Douglas County** - As the County is in the process of redoing their single sheet insert brochures, we are going to hold off redoing our ‘glossy brochure’. Midge McGinnis will request a ‘preview’ of the County’s brochure. Perhaps we can obtain small quantities from them for our events promoting the park.

**Trail Dash (July 9)** – No updates.

**Earth Day (April 16)** – Celia Scott and Mike Burke took event supplies for April 16<sup>th</sup>. Midge McGinnis will make sure they have membership/donor flyers in time. They also have other board members signed up for ‘duty’ that day.

**Facebook Page** – Discussion regarding posting more on our Facebook site, especially pictures taken at the park. Deb Gray will post them, just send them to her via email and put in the subject line “Facebook Post”.

**Grant Team** – postponed until next board meeting. Midge McGinnis has been looking on internet for grantors and is compiling info that she can find.

**Annual Meeting** – postponed until next board meeting.

**Geocache** - Exciting news! Stephanie Ashby from Tyee Outdoor Experiences was a guest at today’s meeting. Their new business will be hosting training sessions at the Park. Their first session will be a session on geocaching (see our Facebook page for link to their site and registration form.) Leslye Wing obtained ‘dog tags’ generously donated by Barney’s Trophy (Valerie Stallings), to place in geocache boxes. Some of our new window stickers were also given to Stephanie to add to the boxes. We have a small budget set aside to purchase a few boxes and trinkets. Stephanie has volunteered to pick them up and will be placing them in the park. She also has contacted the parks department who is ‘on board’ with this. POST Meeting Update: a few Geocaches are now placed at the park...visit [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) and search in Oakland, Oregon area. (you will need to register, but it’s free). Look for Under Where at Underwood Hill, Mildred’s Hollow and Fern Forest.

**DCPARC** – Karen Roberson brought us up to date on this new organization that is being pulled together to help support all Douglas County Park user groups. They have asked if they can link to our Web site and since anyone can link to us, Karen is free to give them the greenlight to do this. We will put on agenda for next meeting to discuss linking to their website.

**Master Plan** – Karen Roberson has been working on a list of ‘ideas’ for the Douglas County Parks Department Master Plan. As this is due out shortly, Karen obtained Boards approval to hold off sending the list to County until we see the above mentioned document.

#### **NEW/ADDITIONAL ITEMS.**

**Window Stickers** – We have new window stickers! Midge McGinnis brought them to meeting. Celia Scott took a supply for Earth Day. As these are smaller and will fit in envelopes, Midge McGinnis will send one to members who renew or sign up (will start immediately and will readdress next April to see if we should continue to send them to people who would have already received one or just ‘new’ members).

**Spring Fair** – It was mentioned that we should have a presence at next year’s Spring Fair. Midge McGinnis has an ‘up file’ and will put a reminder in it.

**Stocking Pond at Day Use Area** – Leslye Wing will ask her husband, Tom, if he would be willing to look into the possibility of having the pond put on the ‘stocking list’ with Fish & Wildlife. Currently there are no fish in the pond, but would be nice to have some for children to try their hand at. Leslye will let us know if Tom can do this. POST Meeting Note: yes, Tom will check into this.

**School House Grants** – Karen will contact Steve Kennerly/Tom Rogers to see if we have sufficient information to take next steps toward restoring the interior of the school house.

**Equestrian/Camping Gate is OPEN!** – It was noticed that the equestrian/camping area gates were open as of Friday morning. Midge McGinnis confirmed with the parks department that this area is now indeed open for riding and camping. Opening was delayed this year due to heavy rains and trails being very muddy.

### **TABLED for Next Meeting**

#### **Grant Team Annual Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon

### **EVENT DATES**

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, May 6, 2016 (10 a.m.) – Lane House Annex