



The meeting of the Board of Directors of the *Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Association, Inc.* was called to order on Friday, February 16, 2018 at 10 a.m. at the Oakland Art Gallery (CoCo's Restaurant). Present were board members: Celia Scott, Deb Gray, Leslye Wing, Karen Roberson, and Midge McGinnis. Steve Kennerly, Landa Bailey and John Robertson were absent. Mike Burke and Tom Wing were also in attendance.

AGENDA ITEMS

Fund Raiser – Brainstorming

Discussed some ideas for a fall fund raiser.

- To be held in fall (late September/early October)
- Preferably at the park (possibly in Oakland)
- Appetizers and wine event suggested (with vineyards handling wine and food supplied by licensed caterer).
- Rent/Hire party organizer to put up tents, chairs, tables, etc.
- Plein Air painters to be at park painting during event

Prairie Group – Hawthorne Eradication – No updates, Deb asked Midge to send original email to her (done).

Ad/Visitors Guide – Neef Grant

Motion made by Midge McGinnis, 2nd by Leslye Wing and approved by all board members in attendance for Midge to prepare and submit NEEF Grant (for ads and signs). Also approved the Visitors Guide ad (using same ad as last year). If grant received will be able to pay for Visitors Guide, additional signage at park (ie: cemetery, etc.) as well as covering a pre-approved amount to go to county for road signs (discussed and approved in a previous board meeting).

School House Updates

Karen reviewed steps list for current School House Restoration project Mike Burke, Steve Kennerly, Karen Roberson, John Lapham and Aaron Corgin all met at the School

House on February 10th to review what needed to be done in this phase. Tom Rogers will be assisting Karen Roberson in creating a 'bid' form to send to three contractors (including John Lapham). This is to meet county requirements to have more than one bid on file. Bid document will be reviewed by county, approved and sent out. Hopefully, work can begin within the next few months. There apparently is a bee hive in the wall of the school that will need to be removed. Steve Kennerly has been working on contacting someone to remove them. Deb Gray has volunteered to help out on this. We need to get bees out within the next month or two (max) so work can begin on restoration.

To review: this phase will be interior work, including ceiling, walls, floor, doors (dependent on costs).

Additional – non-agenda items:

Trees – Lesley Wing, Tom Wing, Mike Burke, Steve Kennerly and Midge McGinnis placed fencing around trees planted last fall (deer were rubbing and eating some of them)..

Annual OET Trail Clearing – March 10th is the date earmarked for OET's annual trail clearing. Friends members who can help out will be greatly appreciated! Equestrian area (9 a.m.)

Earth Day – Scheduled for April 21st. We would like to participate, however, need volunteers to 'man' the booth.

Peacock Feeding - Currently park caretaker is purchasing feed for peacocks. Suggestion made that Friends supply feed (with a possible sign at day use area stating feed courtesy of Friends). Leslye volunteered to check with caretaker re: amount of food needed, how it is fed (given to visitors or not), etc.; and then check with Rocky to see if county will be supportive of us supplying food. It was suggested that a specified amount of food be supplied on a regular basis.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting – Friday, February 16, 2018 – Oakland Art Gallery/CoCo's, Oakland – 10 a.m.

UPCOMING DATES

3/10/18 – OET Annual Trail Clearing – Equestrian Area
3/16/18 – Next Board Meeting
4/21/18 – Earth Day