



The meeting of the Board of Directors of the *Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Association, Inc.* was called to order on Monday February 24, 2020 at Creekside Gas and Grill in Sutherlin Oregon at 1:30 p.m.. Present were board members: Steve Kennerly, Karen Roberson, Leslye Wing, Deb Gray and Midge McGinnis. Mike Burke was unable to attend to represent Celia Scott.

AGENDA ITEMS

Venue for Meetings

We will continue to meet at Creekside. Perhaps having meeting in day use of park when weather improves.

Logs

Rocky Houston has given his approval for us to offer up the logs that we received a number of years ago. Letters and/or emails will be sent out to potential recipients. Only stipulations will be that the logs must be used at Kanipe and any projects being considered will need to be approved by Parks Department (Rocky Houston).

Manure Spreader

Originally Parks department was requiring Friends to sign an agreement that we would be responsible for any accidents that might happen (ie: children climbing on spreader). We explained to Rocky Houston that once the spreader arrived at the park it would be COUNTY property so we would have no liability. Rocky Houston will run this by Risk Management again. Budgets are currently being worked on so this question will have to wait until the budget is done. No owner of the corral panels has been identified County may put them up for auction of surplus equipment. Otherwise county will find a new place to store them, if and when we obtain the spreader.

School Updates

We are now ready to start work on next phase of school house restoration. Removing and replacing ceiling and floor and installing electric wiring. A grant has been identified and we will be submitting a request at the end of February. Will not hear whether we receive it until about August. In meantime, we have received an estimate from contractor, a new building plan and estimate of lumber costs (ceiling).

Upcoming Events

The following events are upcoming:

- March 14th, OET's annual trail cleaning project. Anyone can help! 10:00 a.m. at the equestrian area pavilion. Even if all you have is some loppers, you can help out by clearing poison oak/hawthorne/blackberries from trail. Anyone with a chainsaw and physically able can sure be used to clear larger branches, etc. from trails.
- April 11th – this is Earth Day. Friends will not be able to have a booth there this year.
- June 13th and 14th – Living History Day in Oakland – Friends may have a booth there. We will be checking on status and address this again next meeting.

Website Cleanup

Big thank you to Lesly Wing who with a little help from Midge McGinnis, cleaned up our website. It had filled up with obsolete sections. So now it is organized and much more informative. (please note, items missing were all archived, so nothing was truly 'lost').

Grave Site Sign

A few years ago, Friends were able to bring in an expert to locate some pioneer graves at the park. Recently it was brought to our attention that the SAR canine unit located some of these graves during one of their training sessions. What a DOG! This brought up the question of fencing or signage at the area. After some deliberation, it was decided that a simple sign on the gravel road next to it would be nice. This is a 'no-rush' project, but we hope to get a sign up in the not too distant future.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

LOGGING!

Yes, that topic appears to be raising its head again.

We have heard the county is proposing to build a road along the same path that was proposed in 2013 when the county was planning a clear-cut in the northern part of the park, off of the Fern Woods Trail (see our website www.mildredkanipepark.org for maps of the park). We are alarmed by this news and will be keeping a close eye on any developments.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Friday, April 10, 2020 at Creekside Gas and Grill, Sutherlin – 10 a.m.

UPCOMING DATES

3/14/20	Oregon Equestrian Trails – Trail Clearing Day
4/10/20	Next Board Meeting
4/11/20	Earth Day
4/27/20	Adopt A Highway
6/13 & 14	Living History Days in Oakland
9/21/20	Adopt A Highway