



**The meeting of the Board of Directors of the *Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Association, Inc.*** was called to order on Friday, June 11, 2021, 10:30 a.m. in Day Use area of Park. Present were: Karen Roberson, Leslye Wing, Midge McGinnis, Deb Gray and Steve Kennerly. Ron McMullin was not available. Conni Riley was a guest attendee.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **School House Status**

Next phase will be replacing the ceiling and installing final electrical work. Steve Kennerly will begin looking for a grant.

Board agreed to start purchase of ceiling wood with a max of \$3,750. Wood estimate is currently at \$3,500. There may be additional charges for drying, wrapping and storage. Steve is going to obtain these figures (Note, Steve found out that this is the total price including drying and wrapping). (Note: Herbert Lumber is going to start milling wood this month, so need to make agreement with Bill Brownsburger ASAP. Steve discussed with Midge and we will go for it but he will check on those additional costs for grant requests and/or potential fund raisers).

Broken window. Steve had begun researching obtaining historical glass. Conni Riley stated that she had a potential source (Rick former owner of Page & Dimmick which she confirmed during meeting. Gave go ahead for two 12x16 panes. Still need to find out who can install them. Board recommended that Steve go over to park and put a temporary piece of cardboard over broken window so that birds do not gain access to building.

### **Picnic Table Repair**

No updates as Ron was not present

## **Manure Spreader**

No update.

## **Product Sales**

Deb has located best vendor. Discussion regarding the 'logo' that would go on mug. Agreed that our current logo (Mildred/sheep and sheep dog) would not mean as much to potential buyers as a peacock or one of the drawings from our trail dash t-shirts. Leslye will pull something together and send to Deb. Appears for 75 mugs the cost would be \$500. A couple of local businesses have said they would carry them for us.

Questions – is the design dish washer safe? Future orders less expensive? How will it work with selling these thru a local business?

## **Donation Letter (school or clearing?)**

Karen has been working on getting a mailing list together. She has reached out to former board member, Landa Baily in hopes that Landa has a list she worked from in the past. Question came up as to project to be referenced in donation letter. School or brush clearing. Board members to think about this and let Karen know.

Karen had a local company come to her land with a masticator. Did an excellent job. She will get an estimate from them on area between campground and school house. Also will try and contact Sam Campbell about this idea. One thought was if Friends funded the masticator, county would go back in the next year to spray.

Clearing would be an obvious improvement to the park and would make school house more visible. School house has been our primary project for a number of years. However, we need to focus our efforts on one project.

## **Grave Fence Painting and Flowers**

Cathy Bates is the volunteer who is leading this effort with Deb Gray as the Friends contact. Board voted and agreed that we would contribute \$100 toward the paint. Discussed the flowers. County does not want something that would require on-going maintenance. Native flowers were suggested along with wild iris, daffodils...no maintenance and deer resistant. Karen Roberson is familiar with some of these plants and will pass that information on to Deb Gray.

## **Umpqua Watersheds Student project**

Deb Gray was contacted by Umpqua Watersheds and asked to meet with their Americorps member, Ryan Kincaid about Art in Nature activities she is organizing for July. Deb answered a few questions and her to share any photos of activities at the park with Friends for our Facebook page.

## Potential Work Parties

Did not discuss. Need to concentrate of items listed above.

## Passing of former board member – Celia Scott

Sadly one of our former board members has passed away. Celia Scott and her husband Mike Burke have been active with the Friends since the very beginning. Celia was diagnosed with Parkinson's over a year ago. Her husband, Mike, continued to attend meetings and help out as much as he could. We will all miss Celia's beautiful smile and 'we can do this' attitude.



Celia Scott and Landa Baily



Celia Scott working in Nature Trail



Busy day working on hiking/equestrian trail markers



Mike Burke and Celia Scott clowning around at school house

### **NEXT MEETING**

July 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in Day Use Area of Park