



The meeting of the Board of Directors of the *Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Association, Inc.* was called to order on Friday, December 16, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at Deb Gray's BnB in Oakland. Present were: Midge McGinnis, Karen Roberson, Leslye Wing, Steve Kennerly, Ron McMullin and Deb Gray. Guests/Members – Fred Groh, Mike Burke and Rene Burk.

AGENDA ITEMS

Orchard:

Rene Burk (guest presenter) outlined a proposal she is making to 'revive' the orchard at Kanipe. Her proposal was complete and very informative. She also left other materials further outlining her experience, etc. Downside...this is not free, she needs to charge for her time and any materials she might need. No final decision made at meeting.

Ron advised her that the orchard is in extremely bad condition and also that there are other small 'orchards' in other places at the park. Steve Kennerly believes that some of the 'starters' taken by Nick Bottner may still exist at a place in Molollo.

Bird Boxes:

Kudo's to Ron, Steve and Fred...there are only about 10 more bird boxes to be mounted. Many of the old ones are savalable, so we might have more to mount. Put them up near pond and may place some near campground. Ron is going to prepare a map of box locations which will make it much easier next year when it is time to clean them out. Per Ron, birds will be back around February and ready to set up house (bird) keeping for next spring summer!

Mug Sales:

Deb will be stopping by various places selling our mugs. Central Feed may need more!

Deb is also planning on doing another 'live' sale. Holding it at Lamplighter might be a good place. (post meeting note – Deb will be at Rileys 1905 Ice House in Oakland on December 20th from 3-5 p.m., we'll hope for lots of sales!)

Steve suggested perhaps some of the vets in town would allow us to drop off some to sell.

Right to Access:

Holidays are slowing things down in County Legal Department. Midge will keep touchng base with County (Deb Pack) on status.

Status of Fall Fundraising Mailing:

To date we have raised approximately \$654 from mailing. Intersting note, Deb Gray used Facebook's 'fundraising' feature. Fantastic response with no cost to us. This request was shared and another donation request was posted (thank you Jill). Will be a couple of months before we will receive the donations via Network for the Good. Will report back after we receive funds.

Other fundraising ideas were discussed. Secret Wine Society (Robert) has already contacted Karen regarding potential fund raising ideas.. Also discussed potential event at park hosted by Douglas County Coop (Karen will approach them about feasibility of this idea). Event could pull in local ranchers. Coop could use this even to bring in the experts and merchandise. Food truck for meals. No working rest room at moment, but there are portapotties in day use area.

Newsleter (Friendly Chat):

Fred has created a couple of wonderful one page 'newsletters'. Idea is to send a 'teaser' out shortly and follow up with an email to members (and any other recipients that board comes up with) with the 'Friendly Chat' newsletter. It would not be an attachment, but rather a JPG file that is actually showing on the email. Concern that with attachments, people might not open it. Deb Gray will also post it on our Facebook page at same time. We will be letting folks know that they can 'sign' up to receive these "Chats" via email by simply requesting to be added (to Kanipe@yahoo.com). Leslye Wing will also see how to get this 'request' available on our website. First "Chat" should be going out after the holidays. These will not be sent out on any special schedule, but rather as things happen at the park that we believe would be of interst to the general public.

News Review Article;

Karen still working this.

Media Project:

Leslye has gathered more photos. No further action outlined at this meeting. Will place on next month's agenda.

Additional Items

Hazard Tree:

Ron let us know that the tree threatening to fall on Mildred's grave has not yet been removed by county.

Equipment Shed Roof;

Getting worse. Karen had hoped she had same type of roofing. She does not. This something county will have to address, as it is far too dangerous for Friends to repair. Might be less expensive to just pull building down and rebuild. Also may ask contractor working on schoolhouse if he can repair.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Buggy Cleaning – Work party to be set up sometime in spring.

NEXT MEETING

January 20th - 10 a.m. – Deb Gray's B&B

Meeting Adjourned approximately 12:00 noon

THANK YOU DEB and RON for the use of your BnB (and the coffee and muffins!).