



The meeting of the Board of Directors of the *Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Association, Inc.* was called to order on Friday, March 24, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at Deb Gray's. Present were: Steve Kennerly, Deb Gray, Karen Roberson, and Leslye Wing. Member guests: Mike Burke, Fred Groh and Rene Burk Guest Presenter: Jessica from Sutherlin Chamber of Commerce. Midge McGinnis was in attendance via Zoom. Ron McMullin was out of town.

AGENDA

Guest: Jessica Batchelor, Executive Director, Sutherlin Chamber of Commerce:

Jessica from Sutherlin Chamber of Commerce came and presented fantastic information regarding what role the Sutherlin Chamber of Commerce can play with our success and promotion of the park! Membership rates have gone up, however, benefits have made membership more desirable. Depending on level of membership benefits range from a free meeting room, varied number of free document copies (depending on your membership level), social media assistance, document lamination, grant writing assistance, etc.

Since we are members of OED, we will receive a discount on our membership.

She urged us watch Chamber Chatter on the Chamber Facebook page and to check out the Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Goggle Connect profile by searching for the park on Google.

Discussed ideas on how to coordinate Friends with County Parks department. Would like to know about and post events that are taking place at park (ie: SAR, Poker Rides, etc.)

Travel Oregon is a wonderful resource.

Deb will find out how many copies our membership level allows and how we get code and how much copies cost if we go over our allotted number

School House Restoration

Most recent phase is just about completed. Contractor, Zak Terrill & Son managed to do almost all the work in a few weeks! We will definitely meet the deadline. Ceiling is now in, front steps are done (including the original flagstone step). Electric is in and operational. Just a few more things to be done and then we can submit a final report to the grantor.

Ron McMullin has cut down a huge amount of the blackberry bushes that lined the road and blocked view of house. He plans on finishing this up in the next several weeks.

Discussed painting of ceiling. Needs to be done to protect the wood, but we are leaning toward a shellac vs. paint so that the beauty of the wood will not be hidden.

Contractor installed sheeting on ceiling prior to nailing boards up. We understand the board were donated. We will just need to pay labor.

Steve to check with Zak to be certain the underpinning boards under the house have been repaired.

Midge to do a recap of what we have paid and what we owe the engineer, Tom Rogers.

Cemetery

Steve has been looking into having a fence installed around the gravesite. Initial estimates came in between \$14K and \$21K. Board discussed the pros and cons of a fence. Suggestion was made by Leslye Wing that instead of a fence a very nice sign be made and placed in the general vicinity of the gravesites. (perhaps a large rock with sign on it.) Leslye made motion to abandon fence idea, Midge seconded it. Steve can find out if the grant he was going to put thru for fence could be used for the signage. If approved, what should go on the sign. Who to do the sign? Us or a vendor such as the one who did the large maps on day use and equestrian area kiosks.

Orchard

Two trees were successfully propped up!

Unfortunately the signs that Janelle Wilde's school group did are fastened to the trees with wire. This will eventually cause problems for the trees. Suggestion made to take them down and put them on stakes in front of the trees. Deb will give Janelle a "heads-up" with an explanation.

Laminated signs also suggested for missing trees.

Rene is waiting for leaves to appear on trees so she can continue mapping them.

Story Map

Rene told us more about this and it falls in line with what Fred had proposed several months ago. Having photos of park following the trails (on the 'Texas' map as Fred calls it). Pictures would be taken from various angles along the existing trails. Photos would tell where they were taken.

UPDATES and OTHER ITEMS

Mug Sales – Deb has funds from 3 more sales. She will get them to Midge.

Benches – Mike Burke has agreed that their family will pay for a metal bench. Midge to ask Matt how this can happen. Matt will get back to Mike later next week. We also asked Matt about the possibility of placing the wooden benches somewhere in park. Matt said that could be arranged by they have to be 'trip proof'. Not sure what this involves.

News Review Story – Fred is doing this.

New Brochure – Fred brought copy of proposed brochure for everyone to review. Discussed some of the photos and printing options

Peacock Feed – With Dennis leaving, the peacocks may not be fed. Discussed an old idea of a 'candy machine' vending machine for folks to buy feed. Con – something easy to vandalize. Discussed true need to feed 'wild' peacocks. Not sure how long county was buying feed. Do not think it was always being done. Feeding them also attracts the turkeys, etc.

Vistors Guide – Can we go in with OED on a full page ad? Leslye made motion to try this with a limit of \$280. Midge seconded the motion Deadline is April 13th Deb is going to contact OED about including us in their ad.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Buggy Cleaning – Work party to be set up sometime in spring (May?)

Earth Day - April 6

Spring Fest – Sutherlin Farmers Market – Karen wants to do a booth for her sheep. And could do a booth for Kanipe at same time.

NEXT MEETING

April 14th - 10 a.m. – Deb Gray's

Meeting Adjourned approximately 12:15

THANK YOU DEB and RON hosting us.