



The meeting of the Board of Directors of the *Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Association, Inc.* was called to order on Friday, April 14, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at Deb Gray's. Present were: Steve Kennerly, Deb Gray, Leslye Wing, Midge McGinnis and Ron McMullin. Member guests: Mike Burke, and Rene Burk Guest Presenter: Steve Denny from UOP (Umpqua Oak Partnership). Fred Groh was unable to attend.

AGENDA

Guest: Steve Denny from Umpqua Oak Partnership

Steve gave presentation about what the Umpqua Oak Partnership is doing. Also supplied us with a great deal of interesting information about oak trees.

- Group started about three years ago
- Native Americans managed oak growth with controlled burns
- Caterpillars and birds thrive in oak areas.
- Fire and Drought resistant
- Long lived
- Group is very diversified
- Vineyards are replacing oak land areas. Rene is now working with them.
- Steve is working with local landowners (300 identified to date)
- Questionnaires were sent out to land owners. Numerous questions resulted
- "Anchor" locations being identified . Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park is one.
- OSU fire 'go to person' is Chris Adlam.
- Controlled burns were done many years ago at the Park. Group plans on broaching this idea with county.
- Grazing is compatible with oaks if managed.
- Oak Savannah consists of large trees 60 – 100 yards apart. Oak Woodlands are smaller trees and dense.
- Conservations are changing and the are into restoration now.
- Hawthorne and Doug Fir are competitive with oaks.
- Oaks require full sun
- Master Gardeners are getting involved

- Acorns are feed for numerous animals and birds. Can grow trees from collected acorns. Acorns with holes from critters are not liable. Floating acorns in water will separate good from bad

More info regarding controlled burning:

- Friends would do a letter of support for burning at Park
- Fire training potential
- Invite neighbors to participate
- Burning seasons runs between August to September
- Need permit plus need fireline crews, water, possibly heavy equipment to cut a fire break

Orchard

Rene is going to send Kanipe Pear Tree leaves and one other species off for DNA testing. The shipping costs \$30 but this is being covered by some of the board members.

Rene is going to finish the orchard mapping in time for next meeting.

Discussed replacing missing trees. We will tackle that later.

Rene will plan on doing a **?????** from downed tree in hopes that it will regenerate.

Karen and Rene still working on a grant for this orchard work.

A number of the original orchard tree were re-started by Mr. Botiner. They were moved to the Mollala Orchard Conservatory after his death. (**Joanne Cooper**)

Rene brought one of the original signs done by Lois Eagleton. Ron will place with school desks in horse barn for future reference.

Bench Situation

Mike and rest of us were not fond of the 'metal' bench idea. We will proceed with original benches, placing them out on trails and anchoring them per county's email.

School House Restoration

Discussion regarding to paint or shellac the ceiling. Originally the entire interior was shellaced. Walls had to be painted due to lead paint and inability to remove it without destroying wood. Floor will be natural wood (probably shellac). Next meeting will be in school house, so decisions can be made then.

Next phase will install the flooring, find period fixtures for ceiling, etc. and install. ADA compliant ramp at back door. Original plans did include this, but do we need more detailed plan for Zak for this phase? (side note, we still owe Tom Rogers final \$868 on

his original invoice, will we owe more for this phase plan or is it included in his original bill?)

Gutters need repair. Have bid from Bunnell's Overhead door to fix them. \$150 for parts only, labor donated! Spending \$150 for repairs was approved. Steve to contact and get them out there. Send invoice to Midge when done.

Entire exterior of building needs to be painted (preferably prior to next winter!)

Mug Sales – Deb gave Midge funds received from sales.

Newsletters – Fred was not able to attend, but he is working on additional newsletters including one on the school restoration (multiple editions).

Miscellaneous Discussions

Peacock Feed

We are not in a position to supply feed on an on-going basis. County was supplying the caretaker with a bag once a month. Since the peacocks are 'wild' they should (and probably have) managed on their own for a number of years.

Lesley is going to research information regarding feeding of the peacocks for visitors. Info to be posted on Facebook and possibly for a 'sign to place create a 'sign' to place in day use area that explains what is 'good' food for peacocks and what is not so good for them. The peacocks are a draw to the park during the summer months and they are being fed by visitors...hopefully the sign will discourage inappropriate food items.

FundRaising – Need ideas! No one particularly wants to sit at a booth all day. Follow up on proposed event at Secret Wine Society (Karen). Tour of school (asking for donations)? Add a short note requesting donations/membership when sending out newsletter?

Where is stuff?

Just a reminder we do have two maybe three banners, canopies and water coolers, stencils for trail marking and all sorts of other stuff – in Midge's barn!

Painting of Trail Markers

Summer project – walk trails repainting tree markers (stencils and perhaps some paint stored in Midge's barn).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Buggy Cleaning – Date to be set at next meeting
Adopt A Highway – 9/18/23

NEXT MEETING

May 26th at English Settlement School House

Meeting Adjourned approximately 12:15
THANK YOU DEB and RON hosting us.