



## **MINUTES**

### **Friday, September 27, 2024**

**Attendees:** Ron McMullin, Mike Burke, Midge McGinnis, Leslye Wing and Steve Kennerly. Fred Grot. Absent – Deb Gray and Karen Roberson Guests: Jen and Eric Vortriede (members).

#### **Orchard**

Suggest that we host an Orchard Clean Up Work Party – 10/26 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Ron will let county know and he will supply water and a snack (probably chili). Need to place on FaceBook, Web site and send email to our email lists for volunteers (after county has been advised ☺). Ron will also see if county can mow before clean up or if the clean up has to happen first.

Rene prepared an excellent report that Karen has a hard copy of. Karen has it on a thumb drive and we will see if we can send to other board members or if we can at least place it on Google Cloud so board members can see it there. It is much too large to economically make copies.

Side note – Jen mentioned that they had trouble locating the orchard. A sign would be nice directing folks to its location.

#### **Letter to Frequent Donors**

Leslye made motion to proceed with mailing and Mike seconded it. Midge will get the letter out this coming week.

#### **PAB Meeting**

Karen and Ron were able to attend. Karen spoke regarding picnic tables and water in day use area. County said they are working on the water situation. Mark Wall was very friendly to us. Chris Boice said we should be managing the timber. The Mildred's Forest and Underwood trails are very bad and need work. Ideally there would be a group interested in reforestation in these areas. Leslye is a member of the Trails Committee and possibly they can offer some different options.

#### **New Caretaker**

Most of us had a chance to meet the new caretaker (Mike). Look forward to working with him

#### **Cemetery Tour**

Cemetery organization will be holding a meeting on 10/10 and will be visiting the Cemetery at Kanipe on 10/11 at 9 a.m. Mark Wall is aware of visit and has approved driving up to area but to stay on gravel please! Steve will be there to talk about it and he will have a copy of the University of Oregon's report (Patrick O'Grady).

Discussion regarding fencing of area. Thought not to be a good idea, due to maintenance and cost. A sign would be very nice, however. Perhaps Cemetery group would be interested in supplying one?

**October Event – Secret Wine Society:**

This will be postponed until sometime in spring.

**Additional/Miscellaneous Topics**

**Trails** – Suggested that Friends could supply a letter of support for the grant the Trail Group is planning on submitting. We are in agreement and Midge will draft one to be given to Linda Harding. County has given them the green light to submit a grant request. Nature Trail and Hiking trails are in bad need of maintenance. Thought mentioned that maybe One Serenity would be interested in winter months.

**Benches** – Ron has now replaced the plaques with back boards that have had Celia and Wally’s names routed into them.

**Windows – Mildred’s House** –There are some broken windows on the house. Unfortunately the mullions surrounding the windows are badly decayed.

**Park Event Hosted by Friends:** The following events are tentatively and/or confirmed for the park:

November – Hike (general)

December – Nothing planned. Collect scions from trees for grafting?

**NEXT Meeting and Upcoming Events:**

October 11 – 9 a.m. – Tour of Cemetery

October 25, 10 a.m. – Oakland Creek Vineyards (in Oakland between Tolly’s and Triple Oak Vault) – NEXT MEETING

April 21, 2025 – Adopt a Highway

September 22, 2025 – Adopt a Highway

**DONATIONS**

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