



FRIENDS OF MILDRED KANIPE MEMORIAL PARK ASSOCIATION, INC.

The annual meeting of the *Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Association, Inc.* was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on March 10, 2012 at the *Gristmill Cafe* in Oakland, Oregon. Present were board members John Robertson, Debbie Levings, Celia Scott, Steve Kennerly and Midge McGinnis as well the following members/guests:

Mike Burke Rita Prothero Ray Jensen
Gary and Blain (guests of John Robertson)

Leslye Wing was at the Park with for the annual trail cleanup along with members from OET. Karen Roberson and Deb Gray were unable to attend due to unexpected personal reasons.

Opening:

John called the meeting to order at 1 p.m,

Agenda:

Biochar Presentation –

Jim Long was originally scheduled to speak to us about biochar, but was not able to make meeting. His daughter, Rita Prothero, took his place and gave us a great overview of what biochar is about. Scotch Broom apparently makes fantastic biochar and some ideas were tossed around about possible ways that the Scotch Broom at the park could be used for biochar.

Adopt-A-Highway Program –

Rita took this opportunity to update us on the Adopt-A-Highway program. We've been approved; the sign will be going up shortly. We've adopted 4 miles (2 miles each way). Committed to 3 cleanups per year for 2 years. First cleanup is scheduled for Monday, May 21st. They need about 6 volunteers at each cleanup. Rita's hope is that by picking a

weekday we'll get more volunteers than planning it for a weekend when people have other commitments. Midge will ask Leslye to put this date on our website.

Treasurer's Report – Membership Status –

Midge handed out some handouts on both our financial status and membership. Currently have 98 members. The grants we received for the school house were spent in 2011 on the new foundation (\$20,500). We currently have \$4,867 in the bank. Biggest fund raiser that we have is the annual Trail Dash! Looking forward to it being a great success again this year. (July 7th).

Grant Activities –

Debbie filled us in on grant submission progress:

Submitted one \$1,000 grant request to the Douglas County Cultural Committee for signs on 3.1.12. Reply expected mid-April, 2012.

Applications being submitted to Oregon Heritage Commission (\$20,000 over 2-3 grants to continue restoration). Shooting for 4/30/12 for first submission.

Also will submit in February, 2013 to Kinsman and C. Giles Hunt again.

Debbie is also meeting with Joan Kerns of the Oregon Community Foundation to discuss funders with an interest in our category of projects.

Apple Tree Nurturing – Orchard –

Mike Burke reported that of the 5 grafted apple trees that Gregory Flick prepared for us, four are doing fantastic. The one graft did not take, but root stock is still good and perhaps we can try again with it.

Trees will probably be ready to be planted next year, at which time plans will have to be made to protect them from deer and regular water until they are well established.

Also, Mike and Celia mentioned that the rosebushes 'rescued' from the School House are growing like crazy! They must have been very hardy to have survived all the years of neglect, so we're optimistic that when the time comes to replant them around the school house, they'll be just fine.

Upcoming Events –

Time to start planning for the annual Trail Dash – July 7th.
Adopt-A-Highway – first clean up scheduled for May 21st

School House Windows –

Amy McAuley (Oculus Fine Carpentry, Inc.) has been in touch with Celia and Debbie and she was coming down from Portland today for a meeting in Cottage Grove and asked to meet someone out at the school house today at about 2 p.m. Steve and Debbie left meeting a bit early to meet her there. Mike and Celia followed them over after meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Next Board meeting will be Friday, April 13th at Lane House Annex.