

## **FRIENDS OF MILDRED KANIPE MEMORIAL PARK ASSOCIATION, INC.**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the *Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Association, Inc.* was called to order at 10:10 a.m. on October 9th, 2009 at the Lane House Annex in Roseburg. Present were board members John Robertson, Celia Scott, Karen Roberson, Deb Gray, Leslye Wing and Midge McGinnis. Diane Rannow was unable to attend.

**Minutes of last meeting and Treasurer's Report** – Minutes from last meeting were approved. Current bank balance was reported.

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **New Board Members:**

Leslye Wing has agreed to becoming a board member! WELCOME. Cathy Deyo declined due to the fact that they only live in the area about 6 months of the year. We do, however, look forward to her assistance when in town.

##### **Equestrian Map/Trails**

Diane was unable to attend today's meeting. However, since most the activity on this project is currently being handled by Leslye, she was able to bring us up-to-date. Leslye and Lois were able to ride thru the park a couple of times in the last few weeks and the map Leslye is working on has been 'tweaked' to be more accurate. Some of the old buildings (ie: Salt Barn, Drill Barn) will be marked on the map as 'points of interest' with dates on them (if they can be found). Once the map has been finalized, Lois has advised us to have Jim Dowd approve it. It looks fantastic! Leslye to email Midge the latest version.

##### **Logo**

It was noticed by Leslye and Lois that new logo Leslye has been working on looks a bit too much like OET's logo. Leslye is going to play around with it some more to get something that looks a bit more unique.

##### **Kiosk**

Deb reports that Lonnie has the materials at Job Corps. They are ready for the iron. Deb has an estimate from Dixon Steel of approximately \$195. Karen recommended that she call Dan Knight to see what prices he gets and where is the best place to purchase the

steel or if the \$195 sounds reasonable. (Note: Midge asked her husband where purchases his steel at and he gets it from The Steel Outlet in Roseburg).

### **Oakland Garage Sale:**

Deb reported that we made \$53.50 at the garage sale. Unless someone wants the stuff that did not sell, she'll just keep it for next year's sale. We should all try to remember to save items now for next year. Small knickknacks seemed to go best.

### **Douglas County Parks Department Monthly Meeting Report**

Celia was able to attend the September 17<sup>th</sup> Parks department meeting. There was some discussion of closing the park and Jim Dowd quickly stated that they needed to discuss alternatives. Next Parks department meeting is October 15<sup>th</sup> (Celia, John and possibly Deb will attend).

Question arose as to whether or not anyone had heard what the outcome was from S. Mountainspring regarding logging. No one has heard anything.

### **Parks Department – Jim Dowd Meeting – 10/22/09 – 2 p.m.**

As there is a one-on-one meeting scheduled with Jim Dowd, Lois, John and Celia on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the group discussed various topics that should be discussed with Jim:

- Charging a 'day use' fee for the equestrian park
- Possibly calling it a 'donation' vs. a fee
- Sell 'annual' passes
- Karen said she would try and find out what the various fees currently being charged at Douglas County parks are (apparently someone at the parks department made the comment that they did not want to charge tax payers fee...yet this is done at boat launch sites, parking areas for day use (ie: ATV staging areas), etc.)
- What can we do to help promote the park?
- What can we do to help the parks department?
- Allow horse camping
- Boy Scout camping
- Allow manufacturers/sellers of things such as the Yurts to set up and maintain one in the park for a fee.

### **Hiking Trails**

Celia reported that Sam Friedman and the Native Plant Society has received a grant to help with the costs of setting up a hiking trail on the north end of the park (above the day

use area). There will be a work party on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. to start clearing the trail. While this is not a Friends of Mildred Kanipe Work Party, anyone who can help out will be more than welcome! Celia will be working with this group.

### **English Settlement School**

Karen gave a report on this. Lot's of progress in the last month on this project.

- School was pressure washed, primed and painted. Karen, Celia, Celia's husband, Mike, Cathy Deyo and Annie Ocean MADE it happen. Many hours were put in by all of them, especially Karen and Annie. The school looks so different!
- Karen will pick up the siding repair wood on Monday and place it in the school house.
- Lois will contact Dave Perkins (459-2897) to see if he can still make the repairs and if so, when.
- Celia will contact Evan at Lighthouse to see if he can work on the doors. Lois (via phone call) said he might not want to start until we are done painting the trim.
- Group decided the trim really needs to wait until next spring. Also some discussion regarding the color. Karen's father believes it was a dark red, almost brown. Lois (via phone call) said that it probably was not red, she is going to email the newly painted school house picture to Mildred's niece and nephew who might remember the color. Karen will also check some historical color books that Barb(?) has. Also, per Lois (via phone call), we need to get approval of Parks Department on the color.
- Plastic on windows. Group decided that we will go ahead and leave the plywood 'behind' the window openings and install wooden slats around the frames overtop of the plastic for the winter. This hopefully will keep the plastic intact. This will be done on **Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.** Karen will bring saw and ladder, Celia will bring staple gun, if Leslye can attend she'll bring a ladder. Midge is also planning on helping out. Midge has advised Kristi at parks department of our plans.
- Windows – Celia has taken a class on restoring historical windows. Should use oil based paint for primer. Latex can be used overtop. Karen was offered a 5 gallon bucket of oil based paint that she turned down, she'll see if the offer still stands! Question was asked if Annie was going to be available when the trim around windows was done. No, she won't be. Karen said Annie would probably give advice, but we can't ask her to do anymore as she has done far more than expected already. Celia will read up on her notes from the class. It was discussed that the best time to get new glass in the windows would be when we do the painting. One concern...are we going to put new glass in the windows only to have them shot out in a few months.....no further discussion. Need to continue this discussion.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Oregon 150 Blanket**

We have received a blanket and book from the Oregon 150 committee. A thank you letter needs to go out (Deb to get Midge the name/address). Lois would like to purchase this blanket for her granddaughter (the one who pushed the baby carriage at Living History Day). Discussed four options, allow Lois to purchase, gift it to Lois, have a raffle or do a silent auction. Both the raffle and the silent auction have the same problem...we do not have a venue large enough to make it worth the effort.

### **Thank You Letters**

Midge will write up thank you letters to Annie Ocean (to be emailed to Karen to present along with a copy of Lois' book); Colorcraft (to be emailed along with a materials donation form to Celia, who will deliver to Mike at Colorcraft along with a dozen homemade brownies); Bill at J&B Wood Products and Jeannie Roberson. (letters all written and sent out as of 10/9/09).

### **Newsletter**

Midge would like to see a newsletter go out before year end. Other members agreed. Midge will draft the articles and Leslye has volunteered to format the newsletter for us! Lois will try and find old picture of school house prior to first work party. Deb will send Midge picture of kiosk (sample she received).

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

#### **Promote the Park:**

Discussion around how we can promote the park, making it more visible and less likely to be closed or logged. John suggested a newspaper article. He'll contact John Sowell. Midge to get some photos from Lois for both this and for the newsletter. Midge will contact ODS to discuss news article on poker rides held at the park.

#### **Electric Fence:**

The school house solar fence charger did not sell at the garage sale. Suggested that it be put on Craigs list by Leslye. Deb has done a Craigs List before so she will list it. Karen will get the two clips repaired on it and get it over to Deb. We'll be asking \$100. Should go quickly.

#### **Web Site:**

Leslye would like the creation of a web site added to next month's agenda. Leslye can create us a Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Association, Inc. web site independent of the parks department. Currently, we have to go thru the Parks

Department to have anything put out on their web site. Discuss ideas for the web site next meeting.

**Banner:**

Our banners are too big for things like the Oakland Garage Sale. Need to have discussion around obtaining a small version. Next meeting agenda item.

**Librarian:**

Discussed need for someplace/someone to be in charge of books, papers, documents, items that are of historical importance to the park. Celia has volunteered for this task. Midge will go thru what she has stored in various places and bring critical information to next meeting. Lois (via phone call) also has some items still with her that might belong in Celia's hands. Long term wish list....school house as a museum for these items.

**Work Parties (reminder):**

**Friday – October 16th** – 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or so – fasten plastic around windows/doors with wooden slats around trim.

**Saturday – October 24** – 9:00 a.m. – Native Plant work party for hiking trail.the

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Next Meeting will be on **November 20th at 10:00 a.m.** at the Lane House Annex in Roseburg. Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.