



## **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 2:00 p.m. on March 6, 2010 at the *Oakland Deli and Wines* in Oakland, Oregon. Present were board members John Robertson, Deb Gray, Karen Roberson, Debbie Levings, Leslye Wing and Midge McGinnis as well as ten members/guests:

Mike Burke	Celia Scott	Bette Keehley
Mike McCarty	Christine Sellers	Linda West
Debbie Levings	Brad Kelsay	Bill Kelsay
Richard Baumgartner	Jim Long	

### **Introductions:**

John called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. and asked for introductions around the tables..

### **Membership Report/Financial Report:**

Midge McGinnis reported that we currently have 85 active members and our bank balance is currently at \$2,405.64.

### **Committee Reports:**

*Schoolhouse (Karen Roberson)* – We have new siding boards. However, the person who had committed to installing them cannot follow thru due to some health issues. We need to find someone who is capable of doing this correctly. Boards are under cover at Karen's house.

*Grants (Karen Roberson/Leslye Wing)* – Stephen Kennerly has worked very hard on submitting some grant requests. These are being submitted to finance a new roof, foundation, locking gate, electric installation, etc.. Estimate for project is \$82,000. First step will be to hire a structural engineer to prepare a plan. Celia Scott also mentioned that the primary purpose of restoring the schoolhouse is to give local children the opportunity to experience 1900 school life. We probably will not hear back from any of the grants until May. Groups contacted for grants were: Hunt, Meyer Memorial, the

Tribe and Kinsman. Karen Roberson thanked both Steve and Leslye for all the effort they are putting into these grant submissions.

*Kiosk (Deb Gray)* – The Kiosk in the day use area is up. The Job Corps will be doing some more work around the Kiosk as soon as the ground dries up. Need to level out more around the kiosk. There will be dirt that needs to be removed after they are done and John and Celia have volunteered to take it off our hands. Deb will be in touch with them when it is time. There will be a dedication on June 4<sup>th</sup>. News media will be present.

*Nesting Boxes (Leslye Wing)* – Leslye and a representative from Fish and Game have discussed locations for the boxes (will start with the hiking trail area). An entire pallet of songbird boxes will be sent to us as well as a number of duck boxes. Suggestions for groups to help mount the boxes are the Boy Scouts (Ed Gundy), Phoenix School. Leslye will follow-up with Ed and work with Debbie for the Phoenix School.

*Carbon Credits (Celia Scott)* - Celia gave a talk regarding what Carbon Credits are. She will be attending a class on them and will report back to us. It is anticipated that in a few years this will be very popular initiative. Currently you need to enter into a 15 year contract. Woodlands Carbon Company will guide you thru the process. Sounds promising. Needless to say, we'll need to find out more and then present it to the Parks Department.

*Run (MikeMcCarty)* - Mike came early and talked at length with Leslye regarding the ins and outs of hosting a 'run' at the park. She will write up all her notes and distribute them at our next board meeting. Mike then also gave a short presentation as to what would be involved. He thinks it would be an excellent run. They usually are held early in the morning and a 5K run/walk would only take a couple of hours. They would only use a couple of the trails, leaving the others open to the equestrians. He said for a first time run not to expect more than about 50-75 runners. More to follow.

*Oakland Wine Festival* – September 11 and 12<sup>th</sup>, do we want to have a booth. This would conflict with our annual picnic, however, John Robertson said we could always change our picnic date if this is something we want to pursue. We will discuss more at our next board meeting.

**Entertainment:**

Bill Kelsay performed for us (guitar/folk songs).

**Next Board meeting** will be Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at Lane House Annex.