

## 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 5, 2011 at the *Oakland Deli and Wines* in Oakland, Oregon.

Present were board members John Robertson, Debra Gray, Karen Roberson, Leslye Wing and Midge McGinnis as well as members/guests: Mike Burke, Celia Scott, Bill Kelsay, Jim Long, Gary (?), Lois Eagleton, Steve Kennerly, Connie Kennerly,

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

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

Midge McGinnis reported that we currently have 55 active members and our bank balance is currently at \$24,656.36. Most of that is from the grant and can only be used on rebuilding the schoolhouse. We need to figure out how to attract new members!

\*\*\*See *Mildred's Trail Dash* for more on membership.

### **Committee Reports:**

*Schoolhouse (Steve Kennerly)* – Carl Sweeden has surveyed the property. By next week he will have the drawings. Estimate for raising the building: \$4800 to raise (\$2000 down ahead of time). Leave it up until we get footings and forms. Steve Siegal has offered to be the General Contractor! Members present are happy about that! After the plans are finished and the contractor is confirmed, we will have a special meeting. Steve will coordinate that meeting.

*Mildred's Trail Dash (Leslye Wing)* – Registration will be \$10 plus \$10 for the shirt up to the Registration Date. After that date, the shirts will be \$15. The shirts will be nicer this year, and more expensive. **Decision to give a free 1 year membership to all race participants.** Leslye passed around the Publicity list for members review. We have 2 large sponsors (\$150) (Premier West and Cow Creek Tribe) at this time. To be on the back of the Tee Shirt, sponsors will need to pay \$50. Participants will have the ability to register on the website. The race will start at 8:30 this year. Leslye showed the group the preliminary poster example. We WILL have the silent Auction again.

*Day Use Signs Replacements (Leslye Wing)* – Leslye is working on this. She has some good ideas but will get back to the board when she has some specifics on materials. Leslye showed the group examples of what she has so far.

*Jim Lee Creek (Lois Eagleton)* - Lois is working on this project with the Oregon Geographical Names Board. A person must be deceased at least 5 years and you must have letters from property owners stating that they do not object to the renaming or naming of a stream. Lois has been working with Douglas County Soil and Water (Jim worked there). She asked if the Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park board would sign a letter of support. Approved and done. Lois also brought a scrapbook that she

intends to give to Jim's parents. Many people have written about Jim in it. Lois shared her own story about Jim.

*Earth Day – Energy Fair – April 23 (All)*. Deb will send in application and coordinate. Celia and Mike will bring the activity. Karen will bring prizes. Cathy Deyo has donated a crocheted lap blanket.

*Umpqua Bio Alternative Cooperative (Jim Long)*- Jim would like support from the "Friends" on this project. They are testing bio char on three levels. They will have kits at the Farmers Market, the Master Gardeners are testing and they would like to have a larger Public Demo site where they put "bio char" on a large swath of soil. Maybe Mildred Kanipe Park? The friends suggested that Jim work with the Jim Dowd of Douglas County Parks. We support it and it seems like Jim Dowd would too. The Board moved, seconded and passed a motion to support Jim Long in developing a prospectus for this project.

**Entertainment:**

Bill Kelsay (FMKMP Member) was back for a return performance!! His song include songs about a Texas Wildcat Driller and a very touching song about our Veterans. Thank-you Bill!!

**Next Board meeting** will be Friday, March 25 at Lane House Annex.