

**Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Meeting Minutes: 11/7/2019 (7 – 8:10 PM) - Tivoli Community Room**

**Attendees (13):** Sandra Owens, Jim Fennell, Eve Adler, Stan Ordo, Grace Hanrahan, Jan Roberts, Marion Parkinson, Bob Strunk, Joan Applegate, Joan Markoe, Peg Szczurek, Susan Collins and Joe Walsh. Jim Fennell moderated the meeting. Minutes of the 10/3/2019 meeting were approved.

<b>Calendar:</b>	Love Your Park Clean-up	Saturday 11/9/19	10 AM
	Baldwin Mural Dedication	Thursday 11/14/19	6 PM
	December Meeting	Thursday 12/5/19	7 PM
	December Clean-up	Saturday 12/14/19	10 AM

**Mural Dedication:** The Baldwin Locomotive Mural dedication ceremony is scheduled for Thursday 11/14 at 6 PM. The artist, Phillip Adams, will be present.

**Rat Problem:** Joe Walsh reported that we are winning the war against rats in the park. In the three weeks prior to the meeting, no live rats were spotted. Also, no dead rats were found in the ten days prior to the meeting. Posters created by Suzanne Cross warning not to feed the wildlife and not to dispose of household trash were hung on the trash cans.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joan Markoe reported a total of \$15,883.21 in the account. There was a deposit of \$243.60 from membership dues. Expenses totaled \$219.46 for posters for Howl-O-Ween and rat posters. There are 64 household memberships, of which 38 are new members. As of the meeting, we had not received any money from the 2019 Parks on Tap.

**Howl-O-Ween Dog Parade:** This occurred on Saturday 10/26/19 and was a "howling" success with approximately 75 dogs and 150 people attending. Suggestions for next year's event include having a sign pointing to the photo site and posting a sign at the photo site identifying the park. To get a count of attendees, Peg suggested distributing stickers. Photos of the dogs were posted on the park's website.

**Web Site News:** Joe Walsh announced that the park now has a twitter account. Check out the recent article by Joe Walsh on the Baldwin Park website on the railroad mural. It can be found in the history section at: <https://www.baldwinparkphilly.org/new-mural-in-the-neighborhood>

**Park Friends Network Meeting:** Sandy Owens and Jim Fennell attended the meeting on Wednesday 11/6/19. The Fairmount Park Conservancy is sponsoring a holiday party at Galdo's Restaurant in South Philadelphia on Thursday 12/12/19. Tickets cost \$15. Let Sandy Owens know if you're interested in attending representing the Friends of Baldwin Park.

**Baldwin 2nd Annual Birthday Celebration:** We will celebrate Matthias Baldwin's birthday after the December 5th meeting. Light refreshments will be served. Mural Artist Phillip Adams will attend.

**Plans for 2020:** Joan Markoe will continue as Treasurer but is stepping down from leading the membership committee and the development of by-laws. The by-laws are close to completion. Sandy Owens, Peg Szczurek, and Grace Hanrahan volunteered to continue the project with a goal to have it completed by March.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.