

Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Meeting Minutes: 3/2/2023 (7 – 7:40 PM) In-Person and via Zoom

Attendees (15): The meeting was hybrid: a combination of in-person and zoom session.

Jim Fennell, Nancy van Arkel, Joan Markoe, Sandra Owens, Suzanne Cross, Bob Strunk, Sherry Claypool, Marion Parkinson, Jan Roberts, Hannah Zaruski, Andrew Zaruski, Ed Boehner, Sue Ann Wright, Stan Ordo, and Grace Hanrahan.

Jim Fennell moderated the meeting. Minutes of the January meeting were approved. Note: No meeting was held in February.

Calendar of Events:

NOTE: in April, monthly meeting and clean-up will be delayed one week from the usual schedule.

March Clean-up	Saturday 3/11/2023	10 AM	Monthly clean-up
April Meeting	Thursday 4/13/2023	7 PM	Monthly meeting (2 nd week)
April Clean-up	Saturday 4/15/2023	10 AM	Monthly clean-up (3 rd week)

Treasurer's Report: Joan Markoe included both the January and February bank reports:

PNC Bank Statement for Period 12/31/2022-1/31/2023 (January Report)

Beginning Balance	\$33,837.06	
Deposits	\$99.51	(All from dues and donations)
Deductions	\$622.81	
Ending Balance	\$33,313.76	

Deductions

Deductions totaling \$622.81 were:

D&O Insurance	\$584.00
Quicken Software	\$38.81

PNC Bank Statement for Period 2/1/2023-2/28/2023 (February Report)

Beginning Balance	\$33,313.76	
Deposits	\$ 47.02	(All from dues and donations)
Deductions	\$ 0.00	
Ending Balance	\$33,360.78	

Year-to-Date as of 2/28/2023:

Income	\$146.53
Expenses	\$622.81

Annual Financial and Membership Report: Joan Markoe prepared and distributed copies of the annual Financial and Membership report. Highlights of the report include:

- 1) Bank balance increased by \$3,000, but income decreased, and expenses increased by 50%.
- 2) Higher landscape costs account for the increase in expenses.
- 3) As of 12/31/2022, we are still awaiting the payment from the 2022 Parks-on-Tap.
- 4) The Membership Drive resulted in 176 members/donors, with \$11,572.16 in dues/donations.
- 5) Although this was 10% less than 2021, membership had increased last year because of the pandemic. We still have very strong numbers.

The report will be available at the website:

<https://www.baldwinparkphilly.org/friends-documents>

Park Signs: Jim Fennell contacted Parks & Recreation to order one sign. The sign is double-sided and will be placed at the northwest entrance near 19th Street. The estimated cost for the new park sign is about \$4,490, plus \$2,200 for installation. We will have to sign a contract through Parks & Recreation with the contractor. It may take several months. To see a sample of the new park sign design, visit the Maja Sculpture Park at 22nd Street on the Parkway.

Park Clean-up: For the April 15th clean-up, Nancy van Arkel suggested that the group focus on trimming the clematis vines on the fence line on the south-side of the park.

Membership Report: Marion Parkinson reported that we currently have 176 members. The membership drive starts in April. Jim Fennell will send out an email. Suzanne Cross will update the membership posters in the park.

Little Library: Suzanne Cross reported that the library continues to be every popular. More books are needed. Donations are welcome, especially for children's books.

Neighborhood News: Demolition is starting on the building on the southwest corner of 20th and Spring Garden Streets. A multi-story apartment building will be erected on the site. St. Clements Montessori School will be moving to the lower-level ramp in Rodin's. This move is planned for September.

Website News: In this month's history article, Joe Walsh discusses the history of fire stations and historical fires in the neighborhood, including the Baldwin Locomotive Works and the Granary.

<https://www.baldwinparkphilly.org/fire-stations>

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM. Minutes submitted by Grace Hanrahan.