

**Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Virtual Meeting Minutes: 10/7/2021 (7 – 7:40 PM) via Zoom Session**

**Attendees (13):** Joe Walsh, Jim Fennell, Sandra Owens, Peg Szczurek, Nancy Van Arkel, Sandie Farrell, Joan Markoe, Jim Ruddick, Beth Shay, Suzanne Cross, Jan Roberts, Stan Ordo, and Grace Hanrahan. Jim Fennell moderated the meeting. Minutes of the September and October meetings will be reviewed and approved at the November meeting.

**Calendar of Events:**

October Clean-up	Saturday 10/9/2021	10 AM	Monthly Park clean-up
Watermark Zoom Talk	Tuesday 10/26/2021	3 PM	Local history talk
Story Walk	Friday 10/29 – Sunday 10/31	10 AM – 3 PM	<u>May I Pet Your Dog?</u>
Howl-O-Ween Dog Parade	Saturday 10/30/2021	10:30 AM	Registration begins
	(Rain Date: Sunday 10/31)	11 AM – Noon	Dog Costume Parade
November Monthly Meeting	Thursday 11/4/2021	7 PM	Meeting via Zoom
“Love Your Park” Clean-up	Saturday 11/13/2021	10 AM	Monthly Park clean-up

**Howl-O-Ween Dog Parade:** Grace Hanrahan and Jan Roberts set the date and time for the parade for Saturday, 10/30, from 11 AM – Noon, with a rain date of Sunday, 10/31. Registration will start at 10:30 AM, as participants must sign an insurance waiver and a statement that the dog’s shots are up to date. Suzanne Cross volunteered to print “Friends of Baldwin Park” stickers to designate owners who signed the waiver. Dog treat bags will be provided. Flyers will be posted in the park. Joe Walsh has applied for the permit and will send out publicity notices to Next Door Neighbor, LSNA, and nearby residential building representatives. Jim Fennell volunteered to take photos.

**Story Walk:** In connection with the dog parade, Peg Szczurek and Marion Parkinson will set up the story book walk for May I Pet Your Dog? to run from Friday 10/29 through Sunday 10/31 from 10 AM – 3 PM. Peg will post flyers in the park and contact nearby Child Care Centers and Pre-Schools. Jim Ruddick will contact LSNA. Jan Roberts will post at City View. Joe Walsh will post on the Next Door Neighbors website. Sandie Farrell will publicize to Hamilton Townhomes.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Joan Markoe reported the following information:

PNC Bank Statement for Period Ending September 30, 2021

Beginning Balance	\$34,225.94	
Deposits	\$ 351.07	(from dues)
Deductions	\$ 3,845.00	
Ending Balance	\$30,732.01	

Deductions are: \$3,720.00 to All Seasons Landscaping for new plantings, \$25.00 for a park permit for Howl-O-Ween event, and \$100.00 to LSNA to be a sponsor for their Block Party.

### Membership Report

As of September 30, 2021, we have received the following for the 2021-2022 membership year.

Total Members	186
Renewals	96
Dues Collected	\$12,825.00

In September, we received one additional renewal and one new member.

**Little Free Library:** Peg Szczurek and Marion Parkinson estimated the cost would be in the \$400 - \$500 range of creating a Little Free Library in the park. Joe Walsh has applied for a grant to cover the cost. Grant approval will be announced in January. If the grant does not come through, we will fund the cost. Peg plans to stock the library with books for both children and adults. For more information on this book sharing movement, go to the website: <https://littlefreelibrary.org/>

**Website News:** Check out the latest history article on our website the Bement family, which ran a big machine factory at the site of the current Target and had mansions on Spring Garden Street:

<https://www.baldwinparkphilly.org/bement-dougherty>

**Neighborhood News:** Sandy Owens mentioned that the Preservation Alliance of Greater Philadelphia had an article about the restoration of the old Granary Building.

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