

**Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Meeting Minutes: 6/1/2023 (7 – 7:50 PM)**

**Attendees (8):** Jim Fennell, Nancy van Arkel, Joan Markoe, Sandra Owens, Bob Strunk, Peg Szczurek, Marion Parkinson, Mel Seligsohn, and Grace Hanrahan.

Jim Fennell moderated the meeting. Minutes of the May meeting were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Joan Markoe submitted the monthly bank report:

**PNC Bank Statement for Period 04/29/2023-05/31/2023**

Beginning Balance	\$39,916.75
Deposits	\$ 1,649.69
Deductions	\$ 74.24
Ending Balance	\$41,492.20

**Deposits**

Deposits totaling \$1,649.69 were all Dues and Donations

(Note: Does not include \$365.57 in Dues received in May but not yet deposited due to vacations.)

**Deductions**

Deductions totaling \$74.24 were for gardening equipment: loppers and trowels.

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**Year-to-05/31/2023:**

Income	\$8,727.22
Expenses	\$1,072.08
Net Income	\$7,655.14

**Membership Report:** Marion Parkinson reported a total of 121 members, which includes 13 new and 108 renewing members. The total funds for membership and donations are: \$7,905 (minus PayPal fees). We received several generous donations of \$500 and \$200. Jim Fennell will send a membership reminder email in early July.

**Parks-On-Tap:** Baldwin Park hosted a very popular Parks-on-Tap Wednesday May 10th through Sunday May 14th. We will receive \$1,000 for hosting, as well as 25% of the profits from the first day, Wednesday May 10th during the first 2 hours from 4 through 6 PM. We are unsure when we will receive the check. Baldwin Park will host another Parks-On-Tap August 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Movie Night:** Jim Fennell is awaiting approval from Parks & Recreation for an application for Baldwin Park to host a movie night on Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup>. Our first choice is “Back to the Future”.

**Neighborhood Activities:** The Friends of the Rail Park and the Asian Art Initiative are planning a virtual event the first three weekends in October. Also, a Harvest Festival is planned the weekend of September 30<sup>th</sup> in Baldwin Park.

**Story Walk:** Peg Szczurek and Marion Parkinson are planning to set up a story walk to run from Friday 6/23 through Sunday 6/25 for the book, The Night Before Summer Vacation. The rain date is June 30 – July 2.

**Calendar of Events:**

June Clean-up	Saturday 6/10/2023	10 AM	Monthly Clean-up
Story Walk	Fri 6/23 – Sun 6/25 (Rain Date: 6/30 – 7/2)	11 AM – 3 PM	<u>The Night Before Summer Vacation</u>
July Meeting	Canceled		
July Clean-up	Saturday 7/8/2023	10 AM	Monthly Clean-up
August Meeting	Thursday 8/3/2023	7 PM	Monthly Meeting
August Clean-up	Saturday 8/12/2023	10 AM	Monthly Clean-up
Movie Night	Wednesday 8/9/23	Dusk	Proposed: “Back to the Future”
Parks-On-Tap	Wed 8/23 – Fri 8/25	4 – 10 PM	
	Sat 8/26 – Sun 8/27	12 – 10 PM	

**Park Clean-up:** For the June 10<sup>th</sup> Clean-up, Nancy van Arkel plans to focus on the clearing out the sunflowers.

**Website News:** In this month's interesting history article, Joe Walsh discusses Matthias Baldwin as a church builder. He was especially generous in funding the building of Presbyterian churches, some of which still exist in Philadelphia. Baldwin's bust is to be found in Presbyterian Historical Society's reading room at 5<sup>th</sup> and Lombard.

<https://www.baldwinparkphilly.org/matthias-baldwin-church-builder>

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM. Minutes submitted by Grace Hanrahan.