

## **Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Meeting Minutes: 9/7/2023 (7 – 7:50 PM)**

**Attendees (9):** Nancy van Arkel, Joan Markoe, Sandra Owens, Bob Strunk, Sherry Claypool, Peg Szczurek, Pamela Herrick, Suanne Wright, and Grace Hanrahan.

Nancy van Arkel moderated the meeting. The minutes of the August meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joan Markoe submitted the monthly bank report for August.

### **PNC Bank Statement for Period 8/01/2023-08/31/2023**

Beginning Balance \$41,917.53  
Deposits \$ 354.59 (All from dues and donations)  
Deductions \$ 130.30 (For posters and brochures)  
Ending Balance \$42,141.82

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Year-to-08/31/2023:  
Income \$10,022.46  
Expenses \$ 1,717.70  
Net Income \$ 8,304.76

**Parks-On-Tap:** From August 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Baldwin Park hosted Parks-On-Tap for the second time this summer. POT was well-attended with good food and drinks. There were a few complaints about music from near neighbors and regular park bench users about not having their regular seat. Overall, it was a success. We will not find out about our share of the profits until later this year.

**Membership Committee:** Peg Szczurek reported the total of 138 members, consisting of 115 renewals and 23 new members. Peg announced that she and Marion Parkinson are stepping down from the Membership Committee at the end of September because of other responsibilities. We are looking for new volunteers. Peg said that it is not a lot of work. The busiest time is in Spring during the membership drive. Joan processes the money. Marion keys the membership data into a spreadsheet and Peg sends out thank you notes. They will train volunteers. Joan Markoe is looking into possible ways to automate and simplify the process. If you are interested in volunteering, send an email to:

baldwinparkphilly@gmail.com

**Howl-O-Ween Dog Costume Event:** Jan Roberts and Grace Hanrahan have started preparations for the Howl-O-Ween Event which is scheduled for Saturday 10/28 (Rain Date: Sunday 10/29). All dogs must be on leash and up to date on their shots. Registration begins at 10:30 AM at the 19<sup>th</sup> Street entrances. The event runs from 11 AM to noon. Suanne Wright and Sandra Owens volunteered to help man the registration tables. Peg Szczurek and Marion Parkinson will set up a Story Walk for children for the book, "May I Pet Your Dog?". Donations of books and magazines for the Little Library will be welcome.

**Little Library:** Peg Szczurek said that the library continues to be very popular. Children's books are especially needed. Magazines are also popular.

**Park Clean-up:** For the September 9<sup>th</sup> Clean-up, there will be light weeding. Although Nancy von Arkel will be away, she will leave the equipment in the Tivoli storage closet.

**Neighborhood Activities:** The Friends of the Rail Park and the Asian Art Initiative are planning a virtual event on invasive species which will be available via cell phones in late September and early October. Also, a Harvest Festival is planned for the first weekend of October. More details will be available in the future.

**Calendar of Events:**

September Clean-up	Saturday 9/9/2023	10 AM	Monthly Clean-up
October Meeting	Thursday 10/5/2023	7 PM	Monthly Meeting
October Clean-up	Saturday 10/14/2023	10 AM	Monthly Clean-up
Howl-O-Ween	Saturday 10/28/2023 (Rain Date: Sun 10/29)	10:30 AM- Noon	Dog Costume Event
Story Walk	Friday 10/27/2023 - Sunday 10/29/2023	10:00 AM - 3 PM	Book: "May I Pet Your Dog?"

**Website News:** In this month's interesting history article, Joe Walsh discusses the legacy of Robert Morris, financier of the Revolutionary War and signer of the Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, and US Constitution.

<https://www.baldwinparkphilly.org/legacy-of-robert-morris>

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