

**Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Meeting Minutes: 4/13/2023 (7 – 7:40 PM) In-Person and via Zoom**

**Attendees (13):** The meeting was hybrid: a combination of in-person and zoom session, attended by: Jim Fennell, Nancy van Arkel, Joan Markoe, Sandra Owens, Suzanne Cross, Bob Strunk, Sherry Claypool, Peg Szczurek, Marion Parkinson, Jan Roberts, Ed Boehner, Stan Ordo, and Grace Hanrahan.

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

**Calendar of Events:**

April Clean-up	Saturday 4/15/2023	10 AM	Monthly Clean-up (3 <sup>rd</sup> week)
May Meeting	Thursday 5/4/2023	7 PM	Monthly Meeting
Parks-On-Tap	Wed 5/10 – Fri 5/12	4 – 10 PM	<b>(Note: Wed 5/10 from 4 – 6 PM Park gets percentage of proceeds.)</b>
	Sat 5/13 – Sun 5/14	12 – 10 PM	
May Clean-up	Saturday 5/13/2023	10 AM	“Love Your Park” Clean-up

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

**PNC Bank Statement for Period 3/1/2023-3/31/2023**

Beginning Balance	\$33,360.78
Deposits	\$ 2,477.93
Deductions	\$ 375.03
Ending Balance	\$35,463.68

**Deposits**

Deposits totaling \$2,477.93 were:

2022 POT Happy Hour	\$1,056.20
Dues and Donations	\$1,421.73 (not including April membership receipts)

**Deductions**

Deductions totaling \$375.03 were:

Dog Waste Bags	\$299.98
Park Posters	\$ 75.05

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**Year-to-Date:**

Income	\$2,624.46
Expenses	<u>\$ 997.84</u>
Net Income	\$1,626.62

**Membership Report:** Since the membership drive began at the beginning of April with Jim Fennell's email, Marion Parkinson reported that we have had a steady stream of applications with 60 renewals and 7 new members. So far, the total for membership dues and donations is \$4,270 (minus PayPal fees). Jan Roberts publicized the drive in City View's newsletter and building link. Tivoli management responded to Joan Markoe's request to advertise the membership drive. However, Joan has received no response from her contacts at Hamilton Townhomes and North-X-Northwest. Eddie Schechter is reaching out to the residents of the Fountains at Logan Square (formerly the Watermark). Suzanne Cross will update the membership posters in the park and set up a table in the park during the April clean-up.

**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.

**Movie Night:** Jim Fennell is awaiting approval from Parks & Recreation for an application for Baldwin Park to host a movie night in late August.

**Parks-On-Tap:** Baldwin Park will host Parks-on-Tap Wednesday May 10th through Sunday May 14th. This program is a partnership between Parks & Recreation and the restaurant group, FCM Hospitality, which provides the food and drink. Attending the first day, Wednesday May 10th during the first 2 hours from 4 through 6 PM, will directly benefit Baldwin Park as we will get a percentage of the of the sales. For more information on the menu and dates, see the website:

<https://www.parksontap.com/>

**Passing of Dorothy Gray:** Sandy Owens announced that Dorothy Gray, one of the original members of the Friends of Baldwin Park, had passed away in early March. Dorothy was responsible for having Parks & Recreation plant a row of cherry trees on the 19<sup>th</sup> Street side of the park over 10 years ago. One of the trees still survive.

**Park Maintenance:** The sprinkler system was recently repaired to fix a break in the pipeline.

**Little Library:** Peg Szczurek requested more books for adults for the library.

**Neighborhood News:** The Rail Park will host a block party on Saturday 6/10 with a rain date of Saturday 6/17. The old Willow Street Steam Generation Plant located at Callowhill and 9<sup>h</sup> Street was given a permit by L&I to be converted into a mixed-use building with commercial space and 69 residential units.

**Website News:** In this month's history article, Joe Walsh discusses the history of unions in the area:

<https://www.baldwinparkphilly.org/unions-in-the-neighborhood>

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