

The January meeting of **Friends of Mathias Baldwin Park** was held at Tivoli on Thursday 1/3/13 at 7 PM.

Present: Beth S, Paul S, Jim R, Sandra O, Seamus K, Stan O, Grace H, Mel S, and Jim F

Draft minutes from 12/6/12 meeting approved

- Jim R. converted checking account to FOMBP's as of January 1. Account remains at PNC. Seamus will join Jim R as second authorized signer for checks. Statements will continue to be received by Sandra. The current balance is \$638, plus a couple membership checks not yet deposited
- Group congratulated Seamus on his bench cleaning test- major improvement, plan for cleaning of more benches in the spring when water is available in the park
- Park signs: Jim F showed a copy of the proposed signs to keep people out of the planting beds. Recommendations were made to review the copy – simplify it. Jim will check to see if the change is still possible. We are waiting for cost per sign to decide on ordering 12 or 24. We should only need about 6 signs around the central area, and extras for replacement due to vandalism and theft. The discussion brought up the need for a Friends of MBP logo. Jim R volunteered to seek help from Jennifer H who just did a great new design for LSNA.
- Jim F will send another request for a meeting by Seamus and Jim F with Parks and Rec. senior staff to update them on our changes and concerns about safety and stability of the park walls. The initial wall work was done in 2009 with no further work since. (We stained the walls in 2010.) The group suggested increasing awareness of our concerns since there has been no response to the meeting requests made in October by Seamus and December by Jim. Joveda will be included in the correspondence to forward our concerns to Darryl Clarke's office.

The next park cleanup is scheduled for Saturday January 19 at 10 AM.

Next FOMBP meeting is **Thursday 2/7/13 at 7 PM** at Tivoli
(Submitted 1/9/13 J Fennell)