

Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Meeting Minutes: 9/8/2022 (7 – 7:55 PM) In-Person and via Zoom

Attendees (12): The meeting was hybrid: a combination of in-person and zoom session.

In-Person (10): Jim Fennell, Sandra Owens, Suzanne Cross, Bob Strunk, Nancy van Arkel, Joan Markoe, Peg Szczurek, Marion Parkinson, Dwight Reid, and Coree Reid.

Zoom (2): Stan Ordo and Grace Hanrahan.

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

Calendar of Events:

September Clean-up	Saturday 9/10/2022	10 AM	Monthly clean-up
Parks-on-Tap	Wed 9/21 – Sun 9/25/2022		Check schedule
October Clean-up	Saturday 10/1/2022	10 AM	Monthly clean-up
October Meeting	Thursday 10/6/2022	7 PM	Zoom or in-person

Treasurer’s Report: As we did not meet in August, Joan Markoe reported on both the July and August bank statements.

July Report:

PNC Bank Statement for Period July 1, 2022 to July 29, 2022

Beginning Balance	\$39,565.28	
Deposits	\$ 366.58	(From membership dues and donations)
Deductions	\$ 0.00	
Ending Balance	\$39,931.86	

August Report:

PNC Bank Statement for Period July 30, 2022 to August 31, 2022

Beginning Balance	\$39,931.86	
Deposits	\$ 171.04	(From membership dues and donations)
Deductions	\$ 5,840.63	(See details below)
Ending Balance	\$34,262.27	

Deductions:

- \$5,395.00 to All Seasons Landscaping for plant material
- \$ 299.98 for Dog Waste Bags
- \$ 70.46 for Friends' Brochures, and Movie Night Posters and Flyers
- \$ 75.19 for Brochure Holders

Park Planting and Maintenance: Nancy van Arkel reported that All Seasons Landscaping have filled in the blank areas of the park with the recently purchased plants. The cost was \$5,395. Watering has been increased to 7 days per week for the new plantings, but will be cut back later. Jim also mentioned the

paths that need repair to Jim Mako. The sunflowers and bachelor buttons that were planted recently in the southeast section by the Garden Committee have done very well. Cleanup of vines on the south side fence has started. Nancy mentioned that she saw an adult Praying Mantis which may be from the hatchlings that were placed in the Maple trees to fight the Spotted Lantern Flies.

Parks-on-Tap: Save the dates: Wednesday 9/21 through Sunday 9/25, when we will be hosting Parks-on-Tap. We will especially benefit from the first night, Wednesday 9/21, when we get a share of profits from the Happy Hour during first two hours. Jim requested posters from Parks & Recreation as advertisements. The revenue from Parks-on-Tap may be used to purchase park signs which cost about \$1,500. Also, Jim is awaiting a response to his request that Parks & Recreation check an angular pine tree on the south side which is leaning and may interfere with the Parks-on-Tap equipment.

Movie Night: Movie Night continues to be popular. WALL-E was shown on Thursday 8/25 to an audience of about 100. Special thanks go to Joe Walsh who made the arrangements and applied for the permit.

Story Walk: Peg Szczurek and Marion Parkinson re-ran the Story Walk of Caps for Sale on the day of the Movie Night (Thursday 8/25) and through the following weekend (Friday 8/26 – Sunday 8/28). It was popular with both children and adults.

Howl-O-Ween Dog Event: Grace Hanrahan reported that the date is Saturday 10/29 from 10 AM – Noon, with a rain date of Sunday 10/30. This will be the fourth time Baldwin Park has run the popular event which attracted about 100 dogs last year. As was the case last year, dog owners will have to certify that their dog is up-to-date on required shots. However, this year Parks & Recreation is requiring the purchase of additional insurance which will cost us about \$100. We are awaiting resolution of problems with the on-line insurance application for the permit to be issued. In addition, the Story Walk May I Pet Your Dog? will be set up that weekend.

Membership Report: Marion Parkinson reported the following:

New Members	49
Renewing Members	105
Total Members	154
Membership Dues	\$9,695
Donations	\$870

Little Library: Peg Szczurek reported that the library has been extremely popular and successful. Books for children are especially needed. Books on puzzles, crafts and cooking are popular. CD's, DVD's and magazines can also be donated.

Website News: This month's history article discusses the interesting history of the municipal parking lot located at 1900 Callowhill Street:

<https://www.baldwinparkphilly.org/library-parking-lot-1900-callowhill-1>

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM. Minutes submitted by Grace Hanrahan.