

The December meeting of **Friends of Mathias Baldwin Park** was held at Tivoli on Thursday 12/6/12 at 7 PM.

Present: Beth S, Frank F, Jim R, Joan A, Sandra O, Stan O, Mel S, and Jim F

Agenda:

- Draft minutes from 11/1 meeting approved
- Jim R. plans to convert checking account to FOMBP's name at end of the month. Account will remain at PNC. Until then any checks should be made to FOFTP/ FOBP. Please submit any outstanding bills like filing fees for 501C3 ASAP so Jim can use current checks.
- Thanks to Beth and Paul who again decorated the tree at the corner of the park and added 4 more strings of lights (total 8)
- Seamus's bench cleaning test- major improvement, plan for cleaning of more benches in the spring when water is available in the park
- General discussion for future action:
  - Seamus will continue to try to schedule a meeting in with Parks and Recreation staff after the holidays.
  - **Group agreed that wall restoration is primary concern.** Discussion of finding possible contractors who could do work and get estimates as part of fund raising/grant writing focus. We recognize that Parks and Rec. has had a static budget for several years with major deferred maintenance issues.
  - Lighting issues, south side lights continue to work sporadically. Probable short in line, one or two will stay on for irregular amounts of time the third (east end) seldom on for more than a few minutes.
  - We will need to create thank you letters for donations now that they are tax deductible.

The next park cleanup is scheduled for Saturday December 15 at 10 AM.

Next FOBP meeting is **Thursday 1/3/13 at 7 PM** at Tivoli

Submitted by Jim Fennell      12/10/12