

**Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Meeting Minutes: 6/2/2022 (7 – 7:30 PM) In-Person and via Zoom**

**Attendees (11):** The meeting was hybrid: a combination of in-person and zoom session.

**In-Person (5):** Jim Fennell, Joe Walsh, Sandra Owens, Suzanne Cross, and Bob Strunk.

**Via Zoom (6):** Joan Markoe, Tom Umilie, Dave Grizzanti, Jan Roberts, Stan Ordo, and Grace Hanrahan  
Jim Fennell moderated the meeting. Minutes of the May meeting were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Joan Markoe reported the following information:

PNC Bank Statement for Period April 30, 2022, to May 31, 2022

Beginning Balance	\$37,764.42	
Deposits	\$ 1,316.50	(From membership dues & donations)
Deductions	\$ 417.22	(For plantings & Wildlife Habitat Plaque)
Ending Balance	\$38,663.70	

**Membership Report:** Joan Markoe read the report which had been prepared by Marion Parkinson.

Membership Numbers:

New Members	34	\$50 average donations
Renewing Members.	88	\$76.08 average donations
Total Members.	122	

Total Donations and Dues:	\$9,115.00
Total Donations:	\$ 770.00

**Story Walk:** The Story Walk for Caps for Sale which is being set up by Peg Szczurek and Marion Parkinson is scheduled for Friday 6/3 through Sunday 6/5 from 10 AM – 5 PM. However, if grass is not mowed, it will be re-scheduled to the rain dates of Friday 6/10 – Sunday 6/12.

**Tree Planting:** Joe Walsh reported that he received notice that the Bald Cypress tree that he had requested would be delivered on Friday 6/4. As Joe would be out-of-town, he requested volunteers to place it behind the locked gated area. Joe plans to plant the tree in the north part of the park.

**Parks-on-Tap:** Baldwin Park has been scheduled to host the event Wednesday 9/21 – Sunday 9/25. Although there has been a change in the financial set-up, it still should be profitable for the park.

## Calendar of Events:

Story Walk	Friday 6/3 – Sunday 6/5 Rain Dates: 6/10 – 6/12	10 AM – 5 PM	Book: <u>Caps for Sale</u>
June Monthly Clean-up	Saturday 6/11/2022	10 AM	Monthly clean-up
Rail Park Day	Saturday 6/11/2022	2 – 4 PM	Baldwin Park Table
July Meeting	Thursday 7/7/2022	7 PM	Zoom or in-person at Tivoli
July Monthly Clean-up	Saturday 7/9/2022	10 AM	Monthly Clean-up
Movie Night	Thursday 8/25/2022	Dusk	Movie: WALL-E
Parks-on-Tap	Wed 9/21 – Sun 9/25/2022		Check schedule for hours

**Planting Beds:** Jim Fennell reported that we plan to spend \$4,000 - \$6,000 on plantings. Nancy van Arkel will meet with Parks & Recreation to discuss recommendations for plants. Currently, Yuccas and Day Lilies are about to bloom.

**Joe Walsh – Resigning as Vice-President:** Joe Walsh is resigning from the position of Vice-President on the Board. Joe is taking a year off to pursue political activities. However, Joe will continue to volunteer for many park activities, including serving as Webmaster.

**Board Vacancy:** If you are interested in getting more involved in the Friends of Baldwin Park by becoming a board member, please contact Jim Fennell.

**Trash Can Needed:** Grace Hanrahan requested that we ask Parks & Recreation to return a trash can to the park's southeast entrance to help eliminate used doggie bags being tossed in the bag dispenser.

**Gardening/Planting Committee:** Sandy Owens and Joe Walsh reported that the committee planted hatchlings of non-invasive Praying Mantis eggs in Maple trees in the park to fight the Spotted Lantern Fly. Also, look for the Wildlife Habitat Plaque which will soon be posted in the park.

**Website News:** Check out the latest history article on our website by Joe Walsh. This month's history article takes a break from specific sites in the neighborhood to look at a site on Millionaires' Row in Laurel Hill Cemetery. Who are those twenty people buried in the Baldwin family plot?

<https://www.baldwinparkphilly.org/matthias-baldwin-family>

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM. Minutes submitted by Grace Hanrahan.