

Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Meeting Minutes: 5/4/2023 (7 – 7:50 PM)

Attendees (8): Jim Fennell, Nancy van Arkel, Joan Markoe, Sandra Owens, Suzanne Cross, Bob Strunk, Peg Szczurek, and Grace Hanrahan.

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

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

PNC Bank Statement for Period 4/1/2023-4/28/2023

Beginning Balance	\$35,463.68
Deposits	\$ 4,453.07
Deductions	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$39,916.75

Deposits

Deposits totaling \$4,453.07 were all Dues and Donations

Note: This does not include \$900.00 of additional membership receipts from May.

Deductions

None

Year-to-4/28/2023:

Income: \$7,077.53

Expenses: \$ 997.84

Net Income: \$6,079.69

Membership Report: Peg Szczurek reported 12 new members and 92 renewals, for a total of 104 members. The total funds for membership and donations are: \$7,030 (minus PayPal fees). We received several generous donations of \$500 and \$200. Jim Fennell will send a membership reminder email in early July.

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 25% of profits. Suzanne Cross designed and distributed a flyer to publicize the event and will post membership information at the event. Grace Hanrahan will post laminated posters in the park and flyers at nearby buildings. Baldwin Park will host another Parks-On-Tap August 23rd - 28th.

Park Clean-up: For the May13th “Love Your Park Clean-up”, Nancy van Arkel plans to focus on the thinning out of specific plants: Lamb’s Ears and Liriope. Money was approved to purchase trowels and shovels which will be needed to dig up these plants.

Park Maintenance: Currently, the sprinkler system is not working because the contractor, Green Estates, has not completed the repair to the broken pipe. Jim Fennell has put in a request to have the contractor, All Seasons, trim trees. This year, they are doing a better job at cutting the grass. Meghan Geiger Zerfass is back as our contact at Parks & Recreation. Kathy Ott will be moving out of her position as head of Parks & Recreation.

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 August.

Neighborhood News: The new apartment building, Baldwin 1825, is hosting an open house on 5/20. Rents range from \$2,300 - \$3,750. Sabrina's is opening a new take-out store a few storefronts away from the restaurant. A mini-series by Ridley Scott for Apple TV is being filmed near Trader Joe's. The Naked Bike Ride is planned for 8/26.

Calendar of Events:

Parks-On-Tap	Wed 5/10 – Fri 5/12	4 – 10 PM	(Note: Wed 5/10 from 4 – 6 PM Park gets percentage of profits.)
	Sat 5/13 – Sun 5/14	12 – 10 PM	
May Clean-up	Saturday 5/13/2023	10 AM	“Love Your Park” Clean-up
June Meeting	Thursday 6/1/2023	7 PM	Monthly Meeting
June Clean-up	Saturday 6/10/2023	10 AM	Monthly Clean-up
Story Walk	Fri 6/23 – Sun 6/25	11 AM – 3 PM	<u>The Night Before Summer Vacation</u> (Rain Date: 6/30 – 7/2)

Website News: In this month's interesting history article, Joe Walsh discusses the history of horse-drawn passenger and freight cars. Some historic vestiges of the horses still exist in our area. Also, the article mentions two of our neighbors, Dennis Boylan and Lou Ferrero.

<https://www.baldwinparkphilly.org/horses>

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM. Minutes submitted by Grace Hanrahan.