

Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Meeting Minutes: 11/6/2025 (7 – 8:00 PM)

Attendees (13): Jim Fennell, Sandy Owens, Nancy van Arkel, Bob Strunk, Roslyn Franklin, Joan Markoe, Jan Roberts, Sherry Claypool, John Rand, Barbara Shelly, Judy Johnson, Steve Denning, and Grace Hanrahan.

Jim Fennell moderated the meeting. The draft minutes of the October meeting were approved.

Calendar of Events:

November Clean-up	Saturday 11/15/25	10 – 11 AM	“Love Your Park” Clean-up Note: change to 3rd Saturday
December Meeting	Thursday 12/4/25	7 PM	Monthly Meeting, Baldwin’s 230 th Birthday Celebration
December Clean-up	Saturday 12/13/25	10 – 11 AM	Monthly Clean-up

Special Events: Nancy van Arkel said that the “Love Your Park” Clean-up on November 15th will focus on the removal of the dead sunflower plants. If we get bulbs from Parks & Recreation, spring bulbs will be planted. Sandy Owens announced that the December meeting will feature light refreshments and a birthday cake celebrating Matthias Baldwin’s 230th Birthday. Look for the Baldwin Birthday Banner on the fence on the 19th Street side on northwest corner of the park in December.

Treasurer’s Report: Joan Markoe submitted the October financial statement.

PNC Bank Statement for Period 10/01/2025-10/31/2025

Beginning Balance	\$41,940.74
Deposits	\$ 2,048.97
Deductions	\$ 4,442.50
Ending Balance	\$39,547.21

Deposits

Deposits totaling \$2,048.97 were: \$2,000 from the Park Conservancy in connection with our hosting Parks on Tap, and \$48.97 from dues and donations.

Deductions

Deductions totaling \$4,442.50 were: \$4,417.50 final payment on new sign, and \$25.00 for permit for dog parade.

Membership: Roslyn Franklin and Joan Markoe reported the following:

108 unique members with dues and member donations totaling \$7,398.40

6 DAF/QCD donors totaling \$1,750.00 in donations

The total amount of dues and donations is: \$9,148.40.

Members can join through an automated system, Give Lively, which will accept credit cards, PayPal, and Venmo. However, personal checks and cash will no longer be accepted. If you would like to make a donation from your **Individual Retirement Account (IRA)** or from your **Donor-Advised Fund (DAF)**, please contact baldwinparkmembership@gmail.com, and we will let you know how to send that donation.

Howl-O-Ween Dog Costume Event: This event was a success with participation of 82 dogs and their owners. Estimates run as high 300 attendees for this event. Co-chairs Grace Hanrahan and Jan Roberts thanked those who contributed to the event's success especially: Nancy Van Arkel, Sherry Claypool, Sandy Owens, Jim Fennell, Stan Ordo, and Suzanne Cross. Next year, Jan Roberts will take over as the primary contact for this event.

Park Maintenance: On the 18th Street side of the park, the city plans to replace part of the fence over the cantilevered section over the Callowhill cut. There was a discussion of possibly replanting of some of the perennial beds. On the 19th Street side of the park the solar powered holiday lights on the pitch pine tree will be replaced by Stan Ordo. Also, we plan to replace the plastic trash can liners as the rats have chewed through the bottom of the plastic to get to discarded food. We will replace the 14 plastic trash cans with metal cans at a cost of about \$45 each.

Website News: Check out Joe Walsh's latest history article on One Franklin Town Apartments: <https://www.baldwinparkphilly.org/one-franklin-town-apartments>

The meeting adjourned at 8 PM.
Minutes submitted by Grace Hanrahan, Secretary.