

Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Virtual Meeting Minutes: 12/3/2020 (7 – 7:40 PM) – Zoom Session

Note: Because of the coronavirus, the board decided to hold a virtual meeting via a Zoom session.

Attendees (15): Joe Walsh, Bob Strunk, Jim Fennell, Sandra Owens, Stan Ordo, Grace Hanrahan, Ed Bogucki, Kim Clark, Joan Markoe, Ed Boehner, Suzanne Cross, Eddie Schechter, Jan Roberts, Mary Feingold, and Frank Feingold. Jim Fennell moderated the meeting. Minutes of the 11/5/2020 meeting were approved.

Holiday Lights: Stan Ordo and Grace Hanrahan were thanked for hanging the solar-powered holiday lights on the 19th Street tree. As some of the earlier light sets were not reliable, it was approved to buy two additional sets.

Calendar of Future Planned Events:

December Park Clean-up	Saturday 12/12/2020	10 AM	With social distancing and masks
January Meeting	Thursday 1/7/2021	7 PM	Via Zoom
January Clean-up	Saturday 1/16/2021	10 AM	With social distancing and masks

Treasurer’s Report: Joan Markoe reported as of 11/30/2020:

Ending balance: \$23,586.76
Deposits: \$ 4,527.15
Deductions: \$411.12

Deposits:

POT Reinvestment Grant: \$4,000.00 (Note: The Parks-on-Tap Grant is now at a zero balance.)
Dues (14 members): \$527.15

Deductions:

Winterizing Sprinklers: \$125.00
Website Renewal: \$285.12
Bank Service Charge: \$1.00

Membership Drive: Total members: 122 New members: 71 Dues: \$6,845.00

November was surprisingly a busy month for membership, with 13 new members, additional contributions from two existing members, and one gift membership. Eight of the new members were from the Watermark where we now have a total of 13 members. These are all new members this year - a great boon to our membership and to our relationship with the Watermark. Special thanks to Eddie Schechter for his efforts.

Park Maintenance: Jim Fennell reported a problem with the park lights not directed to paths to Parks & Recreation.

Matthias Baldwin Birthday: Sandy Owens posted the Baldwin Birthday Banner in the northwest corner of the park for the month of December. December 10th would be his 225th birthday. Joe Walsh

mentioned that Baldwin had started out in Frankford and died in his mansion at Comley and State Roads which was near the Wissinoming Train Station.

Plans for 2021: Assuming the end to coronavirus restrictions, Jim Fennell indicated possible plans for the Scavenger Hunt, a History Tour, Movie Night, and Howl-o-Ween Dog Parade.

Tree Identification Tags: Joe Walsh sent an order for seven tags to the vendor located in Kentucky.

Other Park News: Suzanne Cross will keep the laminated posters on membership and warnings about household trash and rats on the cans. Jan Roberts will order more doggie bags. Jim Fennell will evaluate the need for more plantings in the spring. Joan Markoe praised Joe Walsh for his excellent Zoom presentation on Hallahan High School at the Watermark. Special thanks were given to Joan Markoe for keeping up with all the paperwork involved in processing memberships and our non-profit status.

Other Neighborhood News: The beer distributor on Callowhill is moving across the street to the storefront that was the Hot Yoga studio. A new Aldi's Supermarket is opening at Broad and Ridge Avenues. Progress is being made at the old Granary with opening scheduled in early 2021.

Website News: Check out the latest history article on "Sellers and Company" by Joe Walsh at:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM. Minutes submitted by Grace Hanrahan.