

Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Meeting Minutes: 1/3/2019 (7 – 8:15 PM) - Tivoli Community Room

Attendees (11): Sandra Owens, Jim Ruddick, Bob Strunk, Jim Fennell, Jan Roberts, Donna Antony, Suzanne Cross, Grace Hanrahan, Stan Ordo, Joan Markoe, and Joan Applegate. Jim Fennell moderated the meeting. Minutes of the 12/6/2018 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Joan Markoe reported the treasury total is \$13,595.38. Recent deductions included: Baldwin Birthday Party refreshments (\$60.44) and party supplies (\$16.20) and two grabbers (\$29.66).

Last year, we received reimbursement for expenses from the 2017 Parks on Tap Reinvestment Grant, \$2,039.97. Our second request for reimbursement of expenses totaling \$770.98 has been approved but not yet received at the time of the meeting. There is \$1,189.05 remaining which must be claimed by 12/1/2019 or lost. Plans are to use the money for an assortment of projects: plantings, park signs and tree identification signs.

Calendar:

Next Meeting:	Thursday 2/7/2019 at 7 PM
Next Cleanups:	Saturday 1/12/2019 at 10 AM
	Saturday 2/16/2019 at 10 AM (rain/snow date 2/23/19)

Future Events in 2019: Halloween Dog Parade in October and Baldwin's Birthday in December are two events which will take place. Sandy Owens will investigate the cost of her proposal of a banner announcing Baldwin's birthday to be displayed in the park in December. Based on the assumption that that the park will be ineligible to host Parks on Tap in 2019, the Picnic in the Park which we had hosted in May in the past was discussed. Food for the picnic came from members and local businesses. Sandy Owens is going to check if we might apply for a grant offered by the Neighborhood Public Space Summit to fund a picnic to attract more members.

Projects: Jim Fennell has offered \$4,000 to Parks & Recreation to cover plantings in the spring. He suggested that we might want to consider increasing the amount to \$6,000. Other expenses in 2019 will include park signs, tree identification tags and stones to replenish the pebbles washed away near the monoliths. Jan Roberts received approval to order two boxes of dog bags.

Membership: Joan Markoe proposed that we need to do more outreach to neighboring buildings and businesses to increase membership in April. City View, Hamilton Townhomes, North by Northwest and the Granary should be targeted. As there are restrictions on the use of residents' email group, it was suggested that flyers be posted in the building. In Tivoli, they used an informational newsletter to spread the word about membership to the Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park.

Web Site News: Check out the Baldwin Birthday Party photos under Events and a recent article by Joe Walsh on "Baldwin Park in Maps" under History at: www.BaldwinParkPhilly.org.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM. Submitted by Grace Hanrahan.