

Friends of Corvallis Parks and Recreation
1310 SW Avery Park Drive
Corvallis, OR 97333

Board Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2019

Attendees

Mary Buckman
Audrey Hatch
Olga Loza
Ken Haines
Charley Fisher
Roberta Sperling
Stephanie Mehlenbacher

Absent

Jenny Meisel

Guests

none

Meeting called to order: 5:01pm

Approval of minutes from last meeting:

Mary moved to approve the February meeting minutes. Charlie seconded. All were in favor. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

Mary and Charley met with Ilene. They showed Ilene a simple report, but she was unable to provide that. She was very gracious and nice, we just need to reach an agreement with her on what we need and how it needs to be presented. Mary got all the categories figured out that need to be in report. Charley added that the meeting went well and Ilene has a good list from Mary.

Mary reported that the person who donated stock previously donated another 5K in stock to Friends. She suggested that we add something to our fundraising letter that if you make a donation from your broker to Friends, then you can take a tax deduction on the first page of your return (a QCD – Qualified Charitable Deduction).

Ken noted that if you are age 70.5 or older, you can donate directly from your broker. The Elks sent 1K, pickleball got 10K. Three flags were burned in front of the Arts Center. Money was sent to help cover the cost.

Mary said she is still recalcing the budget. All donations need to pay the 3% fee. The bulb sale does not pay 3% currently. Everyone agreed that they should. A big check was received for the Witham Hill Natural Area for a trail through the area.

Ken asked if it would be easier to separate admin costs from PayPal fees. Roberta said no because the PayPal fee comes out up front and we never see it.

Olga: We should take next year's budget more realistic and adjust the categories in the budget.

Mary: In June we should start thinking about the new budget.

Olga moved to approve Treasurer's report. Roberta seconded.

Farmer's Market Update

We have dates in June, July, and September. The booth will be at the end of Jackson Street near the fountains.

Olga asked what we should talk to people about. Mary: Let the community know we exist and offer board applications in case someone wants to be on the board. Audrey: We should talk about our parks and natural areas. Charley: Karen said she had a map that she could scale up for us to use. Also maps to give out would be nice. Ken: It would be nice to hang up a big map and have smaller ones to give out. Roberta: We should have a map with place names. People can take a brochure and a small map. Olga: We should have colored pins and mark the map according to categories. Roberta: We need something big that people can see easily. Mary: Having something to do will attract more people. Audrey: Have people put a pin in their favorite park. Charley: Make sure Friends logo is prominent.

Olga said we need people to man the booth four hours x three times (June 29, September 28 – Fall Festival, and a date in July). Audrey and Stephanie volunteered to work on June 29. Ken: we should not offer food. People take the cookies and leave.

MLK Park Update

The feasibility study is essentially done and there are names and addresses of people to contact.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Mehlenbacher