

Friends of Parks and Recreation
Minutes
June 18, 2024

Attending

Lynne Dimmick	Laurie Mason	Charley Fisher	Ken Haines
Doug Severs	Olga Loza	Mary Buckman	Tom Kirch
Jean Scott	Stephanie Long		

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The meeting was brought to order at 4:30. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Stipend for Design of Logo

After the May meeting, several Board members discussed a stipend for Ryan, who designed our new logo. Olga asked if we could donate personal money to be used for the stipend. Laurie said we could do that. We cannot use Friends' money and there would be no tax benefit. Ken asked why this isn't the same as Karen Emery's star. Laurie said because the star is in a public place, the whole town benefits from it. Laurie made a motion: Board members who wish to privately donate toward a financial gift for Ryan Janowitz, who saw our new logo to completion, may write checks to Friends of Corvallis Parks and Recreation, putting "Ryan Janowitz gift" in the memo line, and get their checks to the Avery Park office by the end of June. Laurie will send Ryan a check for the total gift amount along with a letter of appreciation from the Board. Charley seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Brochure and Signage Redesign, Farmer's Market

Charley started a discussion of having new brochures and signs made with our new logo as well as a new banner to use at Farmer's Market and other events. Mary offered that R3 made our last signs, but they made an error and the signs were not very good because there was a sticker over the error that peels off. Ken said Northwest Graphics made our original banner. Maybe they can make signs as well. Ken suggested looking at brochures, postcards, signs, and anything else we might need. The banner has been misplaced by Parks and Rec. Charley said he would look for it and the map of city parks to use for the Farmer's Market. Following are the signups for the Farmer's Market table:

June 29, 9 to 11am – Mary and Jean
11 to 1pm – Laurie and Charley
July 20, 9 to 11am - Doug
11 to 1pm – Charley
September 14, 9 to 11am – Stephanie and Tom
11 to 1pm – Ken and Olga

Jean suggested another printer, Minuteman, located where SP&B was on Jefferson. Ken said they are more expensive, but should check them out. Olga said Parks and Rec would finish the graphic design once we make changes to the brochure.

Stephanie suggested we get new updated photos for the brochure and for future Parks and Rec newsletters. Lynne said she would take photos of classes at C3. Olga will send the old brochure in pdf format as well as a list of our projects from last year. Mary suggested a photo of the pickleball court with our logo. The brochure design committee will be Stephanie, Charley, Tom, and Ken.

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Charley moved to accept the minutes from the May meeting. Mary seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of accepting the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Laurie discussed PayPal vs. Give Butter to accept donations. Give Butter does not charge a fee for donations, so that might be the way to go. There is \$454.70 in our bank account which is not allocated to any fund. Olga made a motion to allow Laurie to put \$454.70 into the general fund. Mary seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Regarding stock sales: Laurie is willing to set up a Wells Fargo online account. There is no fee for this.

Board Insurance

Jean reported that she is calling people and getting information about insurance. She is checking with other non-profits to see what they use. There is still more research to do. Doug will get a contact from the Community Thrift Shop for Jean to talk to about insurance.

Parks and Rec Update

Olga gave Meredith's report. July has been proclaimed as Parks and Rec month. There are free concerts at Chintimini, free ice cream at Osborn. Parks and Rec has received a \$273,000 grant to upgrade city playgrounds.

Our next meeting will be held on July 16 at 4:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Long Mehlenbacher