

Minutes from January 9, FoPP meeting  
Present: Kelly, Sammy, Keola and Carol

Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm and handed out minutes from December. A motion was made and passed to approve minutes with corrections. Those not present can indicate if there are any questions.

## NEW BUSINESS

Kelly: I want to review an email from Allison regarding a volunteer event in December suggested by New Seasons to join us for a mulching party in Pier Park, date unknown, possibly in January. I will inquire and check back with Allison, since the weather has been sporadic and cold. It would probably consist of a small group, shoveling mulch. New Seasons' employees volunteer each month and give back to the community and they happen to have January open. We'll ask and see if they could maybe wait until spring. Maybe a couple of dates could be suggested and see what happens. A pile of mulch would need to be there in advance of whenever the event is scheduled.

The St. Johns Volunteer Fair coming up on February 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, at Wayfinding Academy. We participated in something similar last year. We could have a table telling about Friends of Pier Park with freebies, maybe buttons, stickers and hats and maybe have a contest. If you have ideas and are available? We would need probably four people, one or two to set up, a couple to sit at a table and then tear down. So give that some thought before our next meeting.

Sammy: I will be in London through May, and not be in attendance, but can work on the blogs and the minutes and everything, just send her the information. I would like to write more blogs but can't be at all the events, so if someone attends and wants to send me the information about the event, what they did, and any related images. I'm leaving January 28 and returning May 6. It's a study abroad. I will be able to cover the UofP clean-up next year.

Kelly: This is a really well attended event by the community and they have several non profit organizations, and this year we'll have banners. It's Thursday evening from 6 – 8 pm, next to the library. The Wayfinding Academy is located at 8010 N. Charleston Avenue. Again, it's called the St. Johns Volunteer Fair.

Any ideas for a project or presentation to offer while sitting at the table? One idea might be to use leaves found in the park for a stamping project. Something fun for kids, like to create a postcard. Something interactive that brings people to to table. Matt suggested having a mini disc golf, and maybe win a prize. We may have to order small discs. Kelly will probably be available the whole time so that people can take breaks, etc. It may be a good opportunity to build the email list, as people are interested in different areas of the park: softball, disc golf, skate park, for instance.

Carol inquired about the removal of the teeter totters and whether there was a plan to replace them? Not unless "we" pay for them.

Kelly: Allison mentioned at the last meeting she would be bringing up concerns such as this to the committee. Also there was discussion about the Go Fund Me to pay for equipment, but there was discussion and confusion as to whether its an either or thing, and whether projects need to be ear-marked in advance.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Keola: The same: \$7,495. I like what Matt was saying at the last meeting, that our goal for this year will be to spend it and replenish it. And we'll talk about budgeting ideas and where we want the money to go. I know some of it will go for fund raising.

#### DISCUSSION

Goal for this year to restore a bench, which is being stored. The forestry department cut it into three sections so its not one giant log.

Mary Ann did renew the domain name, and it is in our name \_\_\_\_\_?\_\_\_\_\_.

Discussion about weather affecting limbs falling, condition of the ground adjacent the pavement subject to tire tread during rainy months.

Gaps in the minutes as noted on the web site, and FoPP contact/officers names required, add more photos.

Discussion about featured artist and including Roosevelt, (but voice faded out and I couldn't decipher.)

Project: tree of the month, plaques to ID trees, bar code on phone to describe trees

Sammy suggested submitting photos to her for publication on the web site.

Meeting moved and seconded, adjourned