

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park
Monthly Meeting Minutes – 6/12/12
Mariners House, Boston, MA

Meeting chaired by Joanne Hayes-Rines called to order at 6:41 pm. 19 people in attendance.

I. Committee Reports

Horticulture Report by Mary Ann Esparo

The gardening group meets 2 times per week on Wednesday at 6:00 pm and Sunday morning at 9:30 am for one hour.

First rose bloom was beautiful! Will be trimming back in two weeks.

On the left side of crescent, 100 echinacea plants in 2 shades of pink will be planted by Schumacher Landscaping.

Treasurer's Report by Virginia Kimball

As of 5/31/12, account balances were reported.

Expenses

Blossom Fund \$	92.70
CC Day 2011	\$ 284.05
Comm of Mass	\$ 35.00
Constant Contact	\$ 148.00
General	\$ 384.78
Horticulture	\$ 444.18
June 30 Event \$	450.00
Membership	\$ 1,159.10
Sculpture Project	\$ 2,650.00
Tax Prep	\$ 2,437.00
Tot Lot	\$ 926.84
Trellis	<u>\$ 5,427.50</u>
TOTAL	\$14,439.15

Revenue

Auction Gala '11	\$	230.00
Donations	\$	220.00
Membership	\$	4,460.00
Mbrship Online	\$	1,095.00
Note Cards	\$	<u>103.00</u>

TOTAL \$ 6,108.00

Bank Balances as of 5/31/12

Checking	\$ 38,872.87
Savings	\$ 51,809.80
CD	\$ 36,943.94
Money Market	<u>\$102,919.71</u>
TOTAL	\$230,548.32

Website and Internet Communications Report by Christina Sperry

Recent newsletter sent to 534 people, 195 opens, 3.2% bounce backs.

Website is in the process of going through a re-design.

On Twitter there are currently 61 followers – this number is expected to increase.

Membership Report by Beverly Knight

The Social will take place on June 20th at the Living Room, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Appetizers and cash bar will be available. Bring a potential new member.

166 Membership total

\$7000 has been raised thus far

31 people signed up at the last social, 41 people signed up via Pay Pal

Balance of members signed up via mail

Infrastructure Report by Cole Landers

Annual review of Park will take place at the end of July. Cole will schedule a walk-through with his committee.

II. Update on Old Business

Tot Lot: Update from Joanne Hayes-Rines

The issue with the homeless in the Tot Lot has prompted the City of Boston to install 2 new floodlights. A reminder was given to all to call 911 if you see homeless sleeping or drinking anywhere in the Park. It is also recommended to call the Mayor's hot line as well: (617) 635-4500.

Credit Card Machine: Update from Trish Baumer

Attorney General Martha Coakley's office was very responsive and helpful. Also thanks were given to Dick Kimball, Sandra Harcourt, Joanne Hayes-Rines and Trish Baumer for all their diligence in resolving this issue. Thank you notes were exchanged between Joanne and Assistant Attorney General David W. Monahan, Consumer Affairs/Antitrust Division.

III. Update on Upcoming Events

Tall Ships/Family Fun Day in the Park: Saturday, June 30th, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Mary Marengi and Joanne Hayes-Rines are chairing the event.

Event will start at 10:00 with a parade in the Park. All are welcome and encouraged to participate. Small flags will be handed out and kids can decorate their bikes and scooters. All performers have been confirmed and committee members have been assigned tasks.

Need people to distribute posters throughout the neighborhood – posters were distributed at the meeting.

Need people to be in charge of games – only need to work for an hour.

Winners of games will get coupons to Joe Bono's pushcart.

Navy Band will play at 1:30 pm in the Park.

Century Bank is making a donation and have already agreed to pay for the clown at the Christopher Columbus Day event in October.

Harbor Sunset Cocktail Cruise: Wednesday, July 18th, 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Virginia Kimball is chair of this event.

Ticket price is \$45.00 and will be catered by Rock Island, cash bar.

This is a FOCCP members-only event. Members can bring guests.

Old Fashioned Picnic in the Park: Sunday, August 19th, Noon to 4:00pm

Jess Williams and Michele Brogan will chair the event.

Casino Night: Friday, November 16th

Kim Caverly is chair of this event

Event to be held at the Marriott Long Wharf; they will provide the room and food.

Casino Productions is being reviewed by Kim and Joanne. Research will be done via an Attorney General inquiry and reference checking.

Kim is looking for volunteers for this committee. Contact Kim directly if you are interested.

Ticket price and specific time of the event TBD

Sandra Harcourt is working on the Sponsor Program and is developing a brochure to be used when soliciting potential sponsors for donations.

IV. New Business

Joanne is looking into having a poop litterbag dispenser put on the bulletin board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm

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