

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park  
Monthly meeting  
April 12, 2011  
The Mariner House  
North Square  
Boston, MA

The meeting was convened by Joanne Hayes-Rines at 6:35 and was attended by 25 members

The minutes of the March meeting were read and accepted

#### Treasurer report

Virginia Kimball reported March 2011 account balances. She detailed YTD figures are available from her

#### Horticulture report

Mary Ann Esparo reports that the first committee meeting was held on April 20. They are awaiting dates from the Parks Dept for uncovering the roses and turning on the irrigation. She plans to assess the adequacy of the irrigation and report to the Parks Dept. Volunteers will start meeting on Sunday mornings at 9:30 and Wednesday evenings at 6. Mary Ann asks that volunteers commit to at least 1 hour per week.

#### Fund raising report

Ann Devlin Tagilaferro reports that the orchestra for the 2010 Gala will again perform this year. She plans to contact Patron Liquors to explore their interest in again supporting the 2011 Gala.

#### Infrastructure report

Joanne Hayes Rines had a meeting with Toni Pollack, with positive results. Public Works Dept will paint the light poles in the Park. Michelle Folts from the Parks Dept had a walk thru in the Park with Joanne to get more specific understanding of FOCCP issues. There are plans for guards on granite to deter skate boarding. Joanne shared her idea for the Fourth of July lights!

#### Lighting report

Jay Thompson reports that a meeting is scheduled for 4/26 with a lighting designer as well as other personnel at his work to come up with more new ideas for lighting in the park

#### Membership

Beverly Knight reports the FOCCP social is now scheduled for June 2 at the Living Room with appetizers and a cash bar. All are encouraged to bring a friend. She will place notice of the event in the Regional Review and the Post Gazette.

## Internet and Communications

Audrey Tortolani reported for that all dated events are on the website. The March newsletter went out to 529 addresses and opened by 35.2%. 12 notices bounced back. Meredith Piscatelli reports 71 active monthly Facebook users

## Joanne's report

The Tot Lot Clean Up is scheduled for June 11. More details later from Mary Marengi  
Plans moving forward for Movies in the Park on Sunday evenings during July and August. The members only Harbor Cruise is scheduled for July 20 from 7:30 to 10. Appetizers and cash bar. More details in May.

Annual elections for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Clerk and 2 members at large will be held at the May 10 meeting. Nominations are due at [info@foccp.org](mailto:info@foccp.org) by April 26.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05

The balance of the meeting was a group effort to assist with the annual membership mailing

Minutes prepared by Liz Greene, Clerk