

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park
Monthly Meeting
March 13, 2012
The Mariner House
North Square
Boston, Ma

The meeting was convened at 6:35 pm by Trish Baumer 17 members in attendance.

Sandra Harcourt distribute minutes for review, moved and accepted by the membership.

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report – Virginia Kimball no report.

Horticulture report - Mary Ann Esparo. We will start our gardening in a month.

Lighting Committee - Jay Thompson light will be shut off after the Marathon. Our lighting contractor will be removing the tree lights.

Membership report - Meghan Denenberg reported. April in our annual membership drive. We will have our first membership event at The Living room on March 29th. We will be sending out a dedicated electronic newsletter for the event.

Internet Communications – Audrey Tortilani Recent newsletter was sent to 500 and 30 opened and 4 bounce back. We have 171 likes on Facebook

Infrastructure Committee report - Cole Sanders reported on the Tot Lot Cover under 2012 plans

PLANS FOR 2012

Blossom Fund -Meghan Denenberg

The FOCCP is one of three applicants who have passed the first round. The next step is to respond to questions that they will send to us. The date for response is March 28, selected we will find out Cole Sanders, Mary Ann Esparo and Meghan Denenberg will make the presentation.

Tot Lot Clean Up – Chairs for this year Michele Brogan and Mary Marenghi

June 30 Tall Ships Fun Day in the Park (10 am to 2 pm)

Chairs: Mary Marengi and Joanne. Volunteers needed for planning and helping during the event. Magician and Jenny the Juggler have been hired. NEMPAC will provide entertainment TBD. We are still looking for band to play for an hour.

July Sunset Cocktail Cruise Wednesday, July 18.

Chair Virginia Kimball

Same caterer from last year has been hired. Rock Island Caterers. This is a fundraiser and we hope to raise \$4500. The boat is being donated by Boston's Best Cruises

Neighborhood Old Fashioned Picnic in the Park Sunday August 19.

Chairs: Michele Brogan and Jess Williams.

FOCCP rent picnic tables. People bring their own food or buy hot dogs, etc from Pushcart.

Activities: 3 legged races, sack races, egg and spoon race, wheelbarrow race, etc.

Sunday Movie Nights. Sponsored by Joe Bono of AlDente, Benevento's and Boston Pushcart.

Dates: July 15, July 22, July 29, August 5, August 12, August 19.

Columbus Day, Monday, October 8.

Magician and marionette show already hired.

Annual Fundraiser Marriott. Friday, November 16.

Anne Taflagio is stepping down as fundraising chair after so many years of contributing to the growth and vitality of FOCCP, thank you for all your efforts.

The small ballroom upstairs has been reserved for the event and we need to decide on the event themes and details.

Shade Cover Update

Chair: Cole Sanders

A survey that will be conducted to determine what problem we are trying to solve. Draft survey will be sent to a variety of North End organizations. Suggestions were made to add to Nempac website have some on the membership table.

Card sets for sale Meghan set up challenge 5 sets per member 12 each or two for 20. At Golden Goose for sale a point display to volunteer to help design. Make suggestions for retail locations.

New business suggestion for a new website. Estimate get a new site. Scoping document. Add to strategic plan.

Minutes to approved by Meredith.

Meeting adjourned at 7: r31

Defense