

## **Friends of Christopher Columbus Park**

August 14, 2018 Minutes

Meeting Chaired by: Joanne Hayes-Rines

Recording Minutes: Patricia Thiboutot, Clerk

July Minutes Distributed

Meeting began: 6:44 PM

**Board Members Attending:** Joanne Hayes-Rines, Ann Babbitt, Ann DeLuca, Patricia Thiboutot, Susanne Lavoie, Robyn Reed, Ford Cavallari, Rita Pagliuca, MaryGaye Grizwin

**Board Members Absent:** Patricia Sabbey

**Members Attending: 4**

**Committee Reports:**

**-Treasurer:** Ann DeLuca

Revenue:

Total Revenue year to date is \$55,321. Without the Fireworks donations of \$15,200 revenue is \$40,121, which is 54% of the 2018 Budget of \$75,000.

Prior YTD was \$13,815. Compared to this year's current revenue of \$40,121 (without Fireworks) the variance (\$26,305) is mainly due to prior year Sponsor revenue that we received in 2018. (Conti \$10,000; Joe's \$5,000 Century \$1,000; Prince \$500; Lewis \$500)

General Membership revenue year to date is \$18,211 which is 101% of the 2018 budget of \$18,000. Prior YTD was \$13,075. Membership revenue year over year to date is ahead \$5,136 which is 40% over prior year.

**-Internet Communications:** Joanne Hayes-Rines

Kelsey Griggs has stepped down as chair of this committee.

Website has reduced time and energy dedicated to updates. Responsibilities will go to various chairs. Just click to make changes. Newsletter - waiting to confirm a volunteer to do the monthly newsletter. Beverly Knight will be updating the calendar, as well as, Joanne. New website recorded tickets bought for cruise, as well as, list of names. One can also sign up for movie night, too.

**-Fundraising:** Patricia Sabbey, Absent. No Report.

**-Infrastructure:** Ford Cavallari

Locks biggest job. Robyn helped out with that project.

Mulling relationship with Parks Department. Projects such as security cameras. Will have to check with police dept.

Stable with lights now. Electrician's work is pro bono.

Need to let electrician, Steve Mirabella, know about broken light.

Standing committee usually meet in September at Pilot House at 6:30 PM See Ford if interested in joining committee. Could use new people. Will announce in newsletter.

**-Membership:** MaryGaye Grizwin

Thank you to Gail Hudak for running the July Membership report

July results:

One renewed business memberships in July with \$100 donation.

3 New members; \$ 85 in membership donations

26 Membership renewals; \$2040 in membership donations.

Note: One membership renewal at Park donation level (\$1000) boosts the donation/member to \$78/member.

Membership Social results:

4 July Membership renewals are attributed to the April Membership Social  
\$100 of July Membership Donations are attributed to the April Membership Social  
Year to Date Results: January –June 2018

255 paid Members; 82% of 2017 Total Members

\$ 14,490 Membership donations; 87% of 2017 Total Donations

Activities:

Membership renewal appeal was published in July 3 newsletter

Email reminder messages to those who have not yet contributed was sent in mid-July.

**-Horticulture:** Robyn Reed

Crescent looking beautiful. Wisteria looks good. Roses not so good. Irrigation fixed.

Locks are wonderful. Now everyone can use them without having to get the key.

Meredith mentioned that she has received requests for wedding proposals by the roses.

**-Park Art:** Robyn Reed

Hopscotch ongoing. Beverly Knight has suggested a “Hug A Tree Day”. Robyn meeting with her to see how that will work. It would be separate from the Fall Festival - maybe in November. There is a “National Tree Hugging Day” in April. Beverly would like to do it in the fall. Fish and banner were hung at the Green Fest on City Hall Plaza.

**-Cruise:** Stephanie Walker and Camille Hogan. Others helping Molly Miller, Katie St. Pierre and Marcy Bennett.

Tuesday, August 22. 6:30 PM boarding. Set sail at 7:00 PM. Board Rendezvous on Park side of Marriott. Ticket cost \$40.00 per person.

94 tickets sold as of today. Higher than this time last year. 3 comps plus sponsors.

2017 only 74 sales including 7 that were sold at the door.

DJ is in place.

Raffle items coming in. Will provide list of raffle donations after cruise.

Menu-cheese board, calzones, wraps, passed appetizers. Plus dessert and fruit.

Will send letter to Ladies Groups asking for volunteers.

Suggestion: buy ticket add membership to basket.

Maximum number: 100?

**-Fall Festival:** Ann Babbitt

Saturday, October 13.

Pumpkin painting, Puppeteer, Bubble Guy (not sure), Christopher Columbus not leading parade - instead a clown. Will check in shed on toys for the parade. Trolls coming back. Craft table. Suggestions: Donuts & apples hanging from trellis.

**-Boston Harbor Fireworks Fund:** Joanne Hayes-Rines

1) Independence Day Celebration - Saturday, June 30 - 1 barge - great reports!

2) Labor Day Kick-Off Thursday, August 30 - 2 barges - 8:15 PM

3) Midnight New Year's Eve - Monday, December 31 - 2 barges - **if not enough money is raised, there will be just one barge.**

Supporters to date: NorthEndBoston.com, Marriott Hotel, Hyatt Boston Harbor, Entertainment Cruises, Boston Harbor Hotel, Provisions Restaurant, Harborside Inn, Rep. Aaron Michelewitz. Individuals can donate by going to foccp.org and clicking on "Fireworks", Link to BHN site with Go Fund Me program that is designed for non profits.

**-SUNDAY NIGHT MOVIES: 6 NIGHTS**

July 22 Butch Cassidy & Sundance Kid - cancelled due to rain

July 29 Roman Holiday

Aug. 6 Chariots of Fire

Aug. 12 Mary Poppins - cancelled due to rain

Aug. 19 Short Film: Henry and the Elephant (Thomas and Friends) then Finding Dory

Aug. 26 Apollo 13

Sept. 2 Butch Cassidy & Sundance Kid

Sept. 9 TBD if we'll have a movie - Maybe Mary Poppins

**-2018 EVENTS**

Tot Lot Clean Up - May 5 - Saturday Noon to 2 PM

Independence Day - June 30 - Saturday Noon to 4 PM

Lawn Games: June 30-Aug. 25 Saturdays Noon to 4 PM Plus Monday, Oct. 13

Fall Festival

Croquet - June 6 to Aug. 29 Wednesdays 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Movies - July 22 to August 26

FOCCP Cruise - August 21 Tuesday 6:30 PM to 10 PM

Fall Festival - October Saturday Noon to 4 PM

Trellis Lighting - November 19 Monday

**-New Business:** Ford Cavallari asked if FOCCP should voice an opinion on Astro Turf vs Grass at the Langone Field? No, but individual members can voice their personal opinion. If there is a hearing, FOCCP could join the conversation.

**Meredith: Facebook Likes 1229.**

Minutes approved with a minor correction.

Meeting adjourned: 7:39 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Thiboutot, Clerk