

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park

Monthly meeting

The Mariner House

North Sq

Boston, MA

April 10, 2018

Meeting chaired by Joanne Hayes-Rines and convened at 6:40pm with 18 members attending

Treasurer's Report

Ann DeLuca was not present but sent the following report.

Revenue:

Total Revenue year to date is \$33,000. Without the NYE Fireworks donations of \$13,500, revenue is \$19,500, which is 26% of the 2018 Budget of \$75,000. Compared to this year's current revenue of \$19,500 (without Fireworks), variance is due to the prior year Sponsor revenue that we received in 2018. (Conti \$10,000, Joe's \$5,000, Century \$1000, Prince \$500, Lewis \$500).

General Membership revenue year to date is \$851 which is 5% of 2018 budget of \$18,000. Prior YTD was \$1,370.

Expenses:

Program Related Expenses year to date are \$7,700. Without the NYE Fireworks of \$1,030, Program related expenses are \$6,600, which is 8% of the 2018 budget of \$83,500. Prior year program related expenses were approximately \$1,700. Variance mainly due to the prior year Park Ranger expense of \$1,355 that we just received in 2018 and the Trellis lights of \$3,600

Fundraising report - Patricia Sabbey

Patricia was unable to attend and sent the following report:

Joe's American is a loyal supporter. Not only do they contribute \$5000 to FOCCP and another \$5000 for the fireworks, but the General Manager, Carol Spiros, works with us to support our efforts and to promote her business. Whether it's popcorn for the Sunday night movies or enthusiastically responding to our request for Tot Lot trucks, she is there.

A reminder that the Tot Lot Clean up is schedule for May 5

Internet Communications report - Kelsey Griggs

April 2018

Newsletter: 35

Membership: 29%

Facebook: 1,150

Twitter: 334

Instagram: 493

Website:

April 2018: 284

April 2017: 954

Kelsey also reported that she, Anthony, Dave Pellegrini and others are working on a re-design of the website, to be more user friendly. More to come later on this

Infrastructure Committee report - Ford Cavallari

No report this month

Membership report - MaryGaye Grizwin and Beverly Knight

MaryGaye reports 7 new members, one of them a business membership and a contribution of \$250

Also, 11 memberships paid thru PayPal and two additional contributions of \$500 each. Rita Pagliuca also has received several membership checks.

Beverly Knight reports that the annual membership renewal mailing has been sent. There will be a follow up mailing in May, depending on the responses.

Reminded members of the FOCCP Social at the Living Room on April 12.

Cathy McCarthy and Carol Romano now co-chairing a membership effort with a focus on businesses, with a personalized approach, meeting owners, dropping off brochures in person and acknowledging contributions on website and other FOCCP materials. Anyone with personal contacts with local business should contact Cathy or Carol.

Horticulture report - Robyn Reed

On March 18 we had a wonderful pot luck get together, complete with medals for the Horticulture volunteers and we planned our upcoming season. We are very excited for spring!

We have started our garden meeting times for the year, although the weather is not cooperating. We started cleaning the Crescent garden of the debris and weeds but we are not able to trim back the rose bushes yet because it is too cold for the roses.

We are keeping the same schedule as last year:

- o Wednesdays 6-7pm
- o Thursdays 8:30 to 9:30am
- o Sundays 9:30 to 11:00am

We have asked the City to cut back the grasses in the Crescent.

We have contracted with Schumacher Landscaping to remove the roses from the side beds of the rose garden and replace the old roses with new Double Red Knock Out roses. The Horticulture group has decided we need to remove the roses because of the extensive root damage made by the rats, and replace them with new, easier to care for roses. They will start as soon as the weather and their schedule allows.

Everyone is welcome to join us – we will train you and provide you with all the tools and gloves. Please just wear closed-toe shoes and appropriate clothing, as well as sun protection.

Damaged FENCING – PUT IN A 311REPORT, WAS TOLD ‘CASE CLOSED’ BUT HAVEN’T CHECKED

Park Art:

I am starting to plan the summer art projects, and my theme right now is “Birds, Bees, Bats and Butterflies”. If anyone has any comments or suggestions or ideas, please contact me. I am waiting on permission from the Park Dept to install bat houses and birdhouses in the park and we will be planning a few more plants specifically to attract these creatures in the park. My inspiration for the art project is M.C. Escher’s “4 motifs” (Robyn showed copy of this work) but I do not have specifics about the materials or designs yet. I do hope to make the bird and bat houses out of discarded wood pallets. Robyn may try to link this effort to the Greenway “insect hotel” project

Joanne also reports that as a result of recommendations from the horticultural lecturer last year, there have been discussions with Chris Cook about the longstanding Oasis Project. The area needs the soil removed and rat grate installed. There are some FOCCP funds for this. She is discussing the possibility of city watering trucks also watering the oasis garden as they water hanging plants around d the city. Maybe we could link some garden improvement to the new business membership project - tying specific businesses to specific improvements. Joanne will also speak to Chris about the tree that fell over in the storm.

Robyn reported that the organization, Save the Harbor, Save the Bay, is sponsoring a pop-up museum in the 1st floor of the Strada Bldg. The “Changing Course” sculpture will go on display again. Congratulations, Robyn

President's report

Joanne announce that City Councilor Lydia Edwards will our guest at our May meeting, Tuesday May 8, which is also the annual officer election. April 24 is the deadline for self nominations, including a statement of candidacy to be submitted to the Clerk. Candidates also may make a 2 minute statement in person at the May 8 meeting.
(See below for Election by-laws)

Reminds members that Tot Lot Clean up scheduled for May 5, noon to 2pm. Ernesto's is donating pizza and the fire truck is expected

Ann Babbitt reports that Annual Easter Egg Hunt went very well and the Living Room was particularly helpful in making it a success. Many "hands" met the day before to fill 2000 eggs!!!

Independence Day celebration scheduled for Saturday, June 30, noon to 4pm. More from Ann Babbitt at next meeting. There may be a raffle this year. Kelsey volunteered to help out. Ann's grandson will sing the National Anthem. Joanne and Ann have met with the organizers of July 1 HarborFest, Conventures, Inc. to ensure that their planning does not affect our annual celebration on June 30.

Fireworks are also planned for the night of June 30 sponsored by the Boston Harbor Fireworks Fund.

(See below for more details on FOCCP fireworks efforts)

2018 upcoming events:

Lawn Games June 30 thru August 25, noon to 4pm (and Oct 13 for Fall Festival)

Summer Harbor Cruise August TBD

Fall Festival October 13

Trellis Lighting November 19

Sunday night movies:

This is our 8th year of sponsorship. Joanne distributed list of past films and suggestions for this summer's selection. Anyone with ideas should contact Joanne at : info@foccp.org.

(See below for list of prior films and possible 2018 films)

February 2018 meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm

Minutes submitted by Liz Greene (substituting for Patricia Thiboutot, Clerk)

Elections & Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting will be held the May meeting during which time the election for officers and directors-at-large will be held.

The officers are President, Vice President, Treasurer and Clerk and there are 2 at large-positions.

From the FOCCP bylaws:

- Members in good standing who wish to run for election to Officer or a Director-at-Large position shall nominate themselves by submitting a nomination statement in writing to the Clerk filed no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the annual Membership Meeting - **Tuesday, April 24, 2018**. Requests to be nominated shall be no longer than one page and shall include the member's name and address, and may optionally include a statement by the member in support of his or her candidacy.

- Copies of all nomination statements received by the Clerk at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual Membership Meeting shall be included with the notice of meeting sent to members - the newsletter of **Tuesday, May 1, 2018**.
- Nominees are not required to be present at the Annual Meeting; however, any nominee present may make a brief (two minute) statement to the members present. For those nominees not present, the Clerk shall read to the membership the written statement submitted, if any, by the candidate for his or her nomination.
- A preprinted ballot of only nominee names shall be used at the Annual Meeting, and the ballot shall be cast in secret and placed in a box provided by the Clerk before being counted.
- There shall be no write-in votes or nominations from

FIREWORKS

This year Friends of CCP will be working with the Wharf District Council and Boston Harbor Now to raise the money for 3 fireworks displays on the Boston Harbor:

- 1) Independence Day Celebration - Saturday, June 30 - 1 barge
- 2) Labor Day Kick-Off - Thursday, August 30 - 2 barges
- 3) Midnight New Year's Eve - Monday, Dec. 31 - 2 barges

Fundraising Goal: \$200,000.

If anyone knows of a local business that might be interested in supporting this effort, please contact Joanne at 617-283-0981.

SUNDAY NIGHT MOVIES -- July 22 to August 26 -- 6 nights

Since 2011, we have presented 48 Sunday Night Movies. Joanne is looking for ideas for our 2018 film series. They must be at least PG13. We usually select movies that are funny or romantic or adventure or for kids or sports. Please send your suggestions to her at info@foccp.org

FOCCP MOVIE NIGHT HISTORY for the record

2011 Mrs Doubtfire
Blind Side Miracle
UP

Fever Pitch ET Princess Bride

2012

Airplane
The Sting
Speech Sandlot Hugo Galaxy Quest The King's Speech

2013

Edward Scissorhands
Romancing the Stone
Seabiscuit Singing in the Rain Karate Kid
The Great Gatsby

2014 Field of Dreams Sleepless in Seattle

My Neighbor Totoro
Big Star Wars: Episode
Happy Feet Frost

2015 Driving Miss Daisy Toy Story Shrek 2 Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom
Money Ball Sabrina

2016 My Big Fat Greek Wedding Monster's Inc Ghost Busters (1984) Remember the Titans
Raiders of the Lost Ark Tootsie

2017 Moonstruck Despicable Me II Woman in Gold Florence Foster Jenkins - ET
Hoosiers Hair Spray Moulin Rouge Close Encounters of the Third Kind

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IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE

- Hairspray (comedy)
- Life of Pi-PG- 2hrs6min

- On the Waterfront (108 min)
- Remember the Titans (football) - PG
- Spirited Away
- Some Like It Hot – (132 min)
- HomeAlone-PG - 1hr45min
- Night at the Museum -PG-1hr48min
- Ghostbusters - PG - 1 hr 47 min
- Top Gun-PG-1hr.50min.
- Apollo13-PG-2hrs.20min.
- National Treasure - PG - 2 hr. 11 min.
- On Golden Pond-PG-1hr.49min.
- Marley and me-PG-2hrs.
- The Graduate-PG-1hr.46min
- Jaws -PG- 2hr5min.
- Close Encounters of the Third Kind - PG - 2 hrs. 17 min
- Lady and the tramp (103 min)
- Mary Poppins (139 Min)
- Who framed roger rabbit? PG (1 hour 44 min)
- * Rudy (sports) PG
- * The Natural PG

Chariots of Fire PG