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

-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