

Merlin Park Minutes

June 2nd, 2025

The meeting started at 5:09pm.

Directors Present

Jan Slusser, Lynda Spangler, Mark Jones, Mike Chanquet

Others Present

Caretaker: Ken Mele, Walk of Honor Representatives: Mike and Chris Baker,

Visitors: Randy Benetti, Cathy Campbell.

Minutes

Mark Jones noted a grammatical correction of the May 5th, 2025 minutes on the Walk of Honor from "There to They will plant small flags around the memorial monuments." Motion to adopt the minutes with that correction was proposed by Mark Jones and seconded by Jan Slusser. Voted unanimously in favor.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report present by Mike Chanquet reflected expenses of \$765.90 and an income of \$2,140.03 reflecting a credit increase of \$1,374.03. The checking account balance is noted at \$4,035.07 with the petty cash balance at \$43.80. A correction of a \$200 donation to the Walk of Honor was requested by Mike Walker. Motion to adopt the report as corrected proposed by Mark Jones and seconded by Lynda Spangler.

Voted unanimously in favor.

Walk of Honor

Mike Baker reported that the Southern Oregon Success School has a construction department willing to paint the gazebo in the park if the supplies are provided. Chris Baker had samples from Home Depot for paint and asked if the park had supplies such as scraper and tarps. Motion to have Chris Baker decide the colors of the gazebo and repairs decided on work June 5th, by Mike Chanquet and seconded by Mark Jones. Voted unanimously in favor.

Ken's Report

Ken Mele, asked about the flags to be removed for easy of property maintenance. Jan Slusser noted that Daley Organics had approached her for trade in lieu of advertisement space in exchange for a working lawnmower. Ken asked if someone was going to fix one of the existing mowers. Lynda Spangler noted would reach out to her contact and Jan noted her contact was ill and all wanted to approved the trade with Daley Organics as to that it is a working mower. Ken noted bigger is needed as it takes 2.5 hours just for the back field to be mowed with existing. Ken also asked about the rock wall repair, irrigation repair. The work day scheduled for Thursday June 5th to help decide issues regarding maintenance.

Community Report

Jan Slusser noted the Center rentals came in for

June 1, \$275; June 6, \$175; June 7, \$50; June 14, \$125; June 21, \$50; June 22, \$125.

Music in the Park donations from:

Evergreen donated \$500; Siskiyou donated \$400 and Baldini's donated \$400. Jan Slusser asked for more assistance getting sponsors for the Music in the Park. Lynda Spangler noted she would not be able to check phones over the month of June and Mike Chanquet and Jan Slusser noted they would cover the phones. Lynda Spangler also noted there was a meeting to learn about grant writing and what that requires a Park Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss report and projected budget. Mike Chanquet suggested another meeting June 3rd at 10:00am to put these items in motion to seek future grants for the park.

Car Show

Mark Jones asked about the Trophies and Jan Slusser was checking into them. It was decided that Mark Jones would have flyers made up for distribution and Cathy Campbell suggested to check into a banner for the fence for multi- year use. Jan Slusser noted more donations are needed for auction prizes etc. asked for all to work on getting more such as from Car companies and oil change places. Mark Jones noted Merlin Park needs a Logo and Mike Chanquet suggested one of the AI sites might be something to start with.

Positions for the Park Board of Directors

There are 5 positions on the board as of June 1, 2025 and a motion to increase this number to 7 was made by Mark Jones. Mike Chanquet noted the insurance would be increased in doing so. Mike Chanquet also seconded that motion. Voted unanimously in favor. Mark Jones nominated Cathy Campbell to replace a vacancy of Position 3 of Steve Liebenberg. Cathy Campbell accepted the nomination. Motion by Mark Jones seconded by Mike Chanquet to elect Cathy Campbell to the Merlin Park Board. Steve Liebenberg's vacancy left the Secretary position also open.

Motion by Mark Jones and Lynda Spangler to have Cathy Campbell fill the Secretary position for the duration of Steve's elected term is to year 2027. Voted unanimously in favor.

The additional 2 board members were noted by Mark Jones as to duration of by laws. Positions 3, 4 and 6 will be 2 year terms to 2027 and 1, 2, 5 and 7 are termed to 2029. Mark Jones nominated Randy Benetti to the additional seats of the Board for July 1st, 2025. Randy Benetti accepted the nomination. Motion for the position 6 board member to be Randy Benetti was made by Mark Jones seconded by Mike Chanquet.

Voted unanimously in favor.

Other Notes and Actions

Mike Chanquet asked to postpone the flea market idea for 2025 and revisit it for 2026.

The Church pays for power usage and the power usage has gone up. It was noted that the Board should increase the cost of the usage in the same proportion. Sound Proofing was discussed as to options. Mark Jones will reach out to the Hugo Quilters club to make Quilts for the East Wall. It was discussed that curtain rods be purchased from Walmart to cover the existing large windows on the North and West walls, then purchase darker gray black out curtains to assist in the sound proofing of the Community Center. The By Laws of the Merlin Park District were given to all attendees and Randy Benetti noted that the Secretary needs to Report to the Josephine County Clerk of all Appointments, one in the same being Cathy Campbell.

Old Business/New Business

Cathy Campbell asked about the possibility to create a "Go Fund Me Page" and Mike Chanquet and Mark Jones noted these are expensive...Mark Jones to work on the "Donation Page and "The Square" ability to collect funds electronically. Lynda Spangler asked if a flyer or post card could be created noting the needs of the Park and that the Park in NOT Tax Payer Supported. Mark Jones noted the taxing possibility of supporting the park and very difficult based on past elections even at 2 cents and 4 cents for veterans have been declined. Jan Slusser noted that Mike Chanquet needs to be added as a signor on the bank account.

The meeting was closed at 6:37pm.