**Friends of Monument Preserve**

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**Board Meeting**

**February 15, 2017**

**I. Call to Order and Attendance:** The Board meeting of the FOMP began at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Diane Bandle, 3911 Roberts Ridge Place, Monument. Members present were Jon Nordby, president; Diane Strohm, treasurer, and Marianne LaRivee, secretary; as well as Bill Benson, Brian Mullen and Diane Bandle, members at large; Judy Benson, Joe Ennis, Bill Normile, Dave Betzler, and Joan Bruck. Chris Tirpak phoned in.

**II. Issues:**

**A. Meeting Location:** We discussed several possibilities, including the Monument Library, the Monument Fire House, and Serrano’s Coffee Shop. Fortunately, Diane Strohm spoke to Oscar Martinez, Pikes Peak District Ranger, on Friday, 17 February, who gave us permission to use the Fire Center Classroom as long as there is no conflict. We have the room reserved for March 8 and April 12 at 7:00 p.m. Oscar will try to attend the March 8 meeting.

**B. Finance Update:** We have $6,094 in the bank, and will collect dues next month.

**C. Board Elections:** Also next month. Chris Tirpak and Jon Nordby have served as president and vice president for many years and are ready to pass on those jobs. Chris will remain active dealing with the Nevins land swap, and Jon will continue to contribute his trail-blazing skills. We spoke of distributing the duties of those two jobs; Brian Mullen volunteered to assume the role of Communications Director, taking over the website and social media tasks. Several other members discussed possible participation.

**D. USFS Interfact:** Diane Strohm will act as ambassador to the USFS, discussing our concerns: Upper Monument Creek Landscape Restoration Initiative, re-route of trail in proximity to the heliport, port-a-pots and trash at the trailhead.

**III. Adjournment**. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Good beer.