

**AGENDA 2023 Friends of Multnomah Falls Annual Meeting
at Heidi's Restaurant
November 13, 2023**

2023 Board Officers

President	Vice President	Secretary
Steve Vanier	Dave Mysinger	Russ Williams

Introductions: Billie Anger FOMF President Pro-Tem (Nov.)

Business Meeting

Voting for the 2024 Board: Billie Anger

Board members returning but will need to be voted in for a two-year term:

Jim Geisler
Russ Williams
Karen Stefonek
Jerry King
Dave Mysinger

New members to the Board to be voted for a 2-year term:

Billie Anger
Mitchel Auerbach
Sam Goodwin

Board members returning for their second year:

Katie Goodwin & Flora Huber. (No vote necessary.)

The Executive Board serves for one year only

President: Dave Mysinger

Vice President: Billie Anger

Treasurer; Jim Geisler

Secretary: Russ Williams

Budget Proposal for 2024 Jim Geisler

Thank you's

- Special Thank you (FS) Dave Mysinger
- Chris Meinicke
- Calendar Coordinator Karen Stefonek and team

Honoring Volunteers

Katie Goodwin

Heidi's Restaurant

Arrival noon - Meeting to Follow



Election of Board Members & Officers

Volunteer Recognition and Awards



A big Thank you to Immediate Past President Steve Vanier, for his service to the Friends of Multnomah Falls and to its Board of Directors.

Thanks also to those of you who showed interest in being on the Board but were not yet ready to become a prospective Board member.



Your Nominating Committee (Billie Anger [chair], John Buddeau, Flora Huber, Kathleen McIntire and Joanne Tennant) recommend the following members for the FOMF 2024 Board of Directors:

2024 Nominations for

Executive Officers of the Board of Directors

President	Dave Mysinger
Vice-President	Billie Anger
Secretary	Russ Williams
Treasurer	Jim Geisler

2024 Board Members

Katie Goodwin
Flora Huber
Jerry King
Karen Stefonek
Mitchel Auerbach (new)
Sam Goodwin (new)

The Founding of Friends of Multnomah Falls

Doris Tai, a Forest Service spokesperson suggested forming a group of citizens who would focus on Multnomah Falls at a Multnomah Falls Site Plan Interest Group meeting. The first meeting to consider forming FOMF was on February 21, 1990.

On March 22, 1990, *The Oregonian* announced that the Friends of Multnomah Falls would meet to organize the group on March 27th. Doris Tai said, "The more people we have taking care of the Multnomah Falls site, the better it will be," Tai hoped that about 200 people will be part of the organization. It would be a non-profit organization and listed the following projects:

- Make the site more friendly and welcoming for visitors.
- Provide information about the site and the Gorge.
- Develop and present interpretive programs and activities.
- Raise funds for projects and programs.
- Police the site to control vandalism, thievery, littering and deterioration of the trails.
- Maintaining the site.
- Planning and implementing new ideas.

The founders of FOMF were **Ron & Katie Goodwin**; Max and Maxine Wilkins; Laurel Slater, Teresa Kasner, Rick Buck, Sally King, Rick McIntire, Jan Sellon and **Hal Meyerdierk**. **Bonnie Jepsen** served as the first volunteer coordinator. Doris Tai and Sue Plaisance of the Forest Service provided their support.

We met about once a month during the Spring of 1990 to develop our volunteer program and lay the foundation for a member organization. We discussed and adopted the following mission statement:

The Friends of Multnomah Falls are dedicated to preserving and enhancing the unique natural, scenic and historic qualities of Multnomah Falls while providing a memorable experience for our visitors.

On June 11th, our group realized that the site was dedicated to the public on Labor Day, September 6, 1915 and that September 6, 1990 would be the seventy-fifth anniversary of the site as a public park. We immediately set about planning a 75th celebration of the site which included a reenactment of the ceremony that was presented in 1915. This was our first major event that kicked-off our group and brought attention to our mission.

Our first annual meeting was on December 10, 1990. Rick Buck and Max Wilkins presented our by-laws, the members attending the meeting voted to adopt the by-laws and the Friends of Multnomah Falls was officially established as a non-profit, volunteer organization. Our first official officers and the board of directors were elected to office.

The Friends of Multnomah Falls has been serving the visitors of Multnomah Falls for over thirty-three years.

Hal Meyerdierk