

## Grant Park Watch / Friends of Grant Park Minutes Nov. 10, 2016

Attending: Lois Schreiter, Jim & Jackie Anderson, Rick Kaiser, Jan Marsh, Lynn Meidam, Milwaukee County Supervisor David Sartori, Debra Wilhelm, Pam Uhrig, Sue Hibben, Debby Pizur, Jackie Benka, Lynn Crawford, Keith Schulenburg, Jody Johnson, Rob Vajagich

As published in the Nov. 7 issue of South Shore NOW, a car was broken into on Oct. 30th in Grant Park and an iPad was stolen. The location of the vehicle was not given. Also, there was criminal damage at Wil-O-Way, criminal misconduct and disorderly conduct in the park.

Our treasurer's report: \$3,379 at Guardian Credit Union (including \$500 from Lake Michigan Trail Marathon which will be transferred to our Park People account, which is our 501(c)(3) fiscal agent). The Park People account currently holds \$7,916.27.

Supervisor Sartori informed us that Sheridan Park Friends were applying for a matching grant from Milwaukee County Amenities fund.

The Winter Market at the South Milwaukee High School is Sat., Dec. 3rd from 9am-2pm. We'll have a booth there to sell calendars, membership, and tote bags. The event is held in the commons area.

Calendar sales have been very good, totaling 390 sold so far... which brings us to the question, how many more should we order? Pam Uhrig will share cost breakdown for 50 calendars, and also for 100 by email. Please let her know your opinion as soon as you receive the quotes.

We discussed *Meet the Photographers*, a planned public event for our meeting on Dec. 8th. Four photographers from our 2017 calendar have been asked to present their tips for capturing great nature photographs. We must locate a projector and screen. Debby Pizur volunteered a screen. We'll serve cider and cookies to attendees. Lynn C., Debbie W., Pam U., and Rick K. volunteered to bring cookies. Jan M. will bring cider & cups; Jackie B. will bring bottled water; Lynn C. will bring napkins.

Our first ever Trek 'n Treat was very well attended, and most agreed it was a huge success! We earned \$650 in revenue, minus our expenses (signage \$100, and \$78 for inclusion on flyers sent home with 1000 students at nearby schools). Approximately 230 kids participated, and their parents followed along as well. Wulff Lodge was on the route, and many appreciated being given a tour. Should we repeat this event next year? A unanimous yes vote! We will plan for 250 participants and it was suggested we highlight the iconic pavilion gargoyles next year.

There were no volunteers to facilitate an impromptu Weed-Out.

Our proposed steps improvement project for the Wil-O-Way area has been tabled until the January meeting due to erosion concerns & slope issues.

Wulff Lodge's 100th Anniversary falls in 2017. We hope to combine forces with the Historical Society's Garden Tour, on June 24th. We'll request inclusion in the tour of approximately 6 gardens, drawing roughly 350 attendees.

Grant Park Unit Coordinator, Jake Klingforth forwarded a report of maintenance activities currently underway in the park, including stacking picnic tables for the winter months, mulching

## **Grant Park Watch / Friends of Grant Park Minutes Nov. 10, 2016**

leaves & cutting grass, and installing bird houses built by Eagle Scouts. He reminded us that his crew of 4 workers have several parks to maintain in addition to Grant Park.

Debby Pizur attended the South Milwaukee Community & Business Association meeting this month. She urged us to vote for businesses on WISN's website by the Nov. 20th deadline. South Milwaukee Holiday tree lighting will be on Dec. 10th. Sponsors are needed. Nov. 27th is the Old Fashioned Christmas Parade; more participants are needed.

A survey of county park assessment of use is on the Milwaukee County Parks website through mid-November. It takes 20 minutes minimum. Log in!

Our meetings for the month of Jan., Feb. & March will be moved to Aurora St. Luke's South Shore hospital's board room, in the lower level of the facility. This is to reduce workload for the winter parks maintenance crew. Located on Lake Drive, in Cudahy, take the elevator or stairs to the lower level. Follow signs to the board room. Bonus: the room is heated during the winter months!

Our next meeting will be a public event, on Dec. 8th at 6:30 pm in the golf course clubhouse.

Respectfully submitted by  
Jody Johnson