

Friends of Grant Park

Meeting Minutes October 8, 2020

Attending: Pam Uhrig, Beth Blackwood, Jackie Benka, Lynn Crawford, Lynn Meidam, Deb Pizur, Jody Johnson

Security – Milwaukee County Sheriffs are patrolling more than before. SMPD has not designated a liaison to our group. Jackie tried contacting a captain in the department but didn't get any new liaison information. Discussion on how to get name of contact person from the Sherriff's Dept. that can share info. Jackie will try and followup.

Treasurers Report - \$20,982 total – see attached report

Steps – Betsy reported to Jody. Two Parks staff members will meet with Betsy and Deb P. at 9am on Friday 10/9/20 at project site to discuss steps and potential ways to coordinate with another Wil-o-Way project being developed.

Beach Cleanup – Sat. Oct. 10, 9 to noon. Rick donated plastic bags. Jody has bags and gloves. Table will be set up at Ferch's. Jody sent out flyers to members, NextDoor, and at the library. Flyers might be on the Facebook page. Parks Covid-19 volunteer waiver is easy to fill out online and is good for one year.

Weed-Out - Sat. Oct. 17, 9 to 11 am; meet at tennis court parking lot. Cutting done on Saturday; herbicide will be applied the following day. Branches are left in the woods. Wear your face mask and appropriate clothing: close-toed shoes, long pants and sleeves. Ken Solis from Weed-Out has generously donated some materials for our projects. FOGP member Sue Hebner volunteered to help master gardeners Chris and Becky clean out the shed at Wil-O-Way to store our Weed-Out tools and supplies.

2022 Calendar update – Calendar to contain art submissions inspired by Grant Park. We modified an introductory letter that mentions the steps project. An agreement was reached to change the wording to make it more general. Do we need to print the flyer? If needed, Jody and Deb will print them.

South Milwaukee Spooktacular Event – Saturday 10/24/2020, noon to 3 pm on Milwaukee Ave. Pam and Jody to hand out coloring pages and milkweed seed packets. Weather may alter plans for table set up on Milwaukee Ave. FOGP cancelled its usual Halloween event, Trek 'n Treat.

Library Display – Thank you to the volunteers that put up the library display. It will be in the entry foyer thru the end of October.

New Business – Winter market was canceled. We still have canvas bags to sell. Pam will send pictures for posting on our Facebook page, along with our email address for anyone wishing to order a bag.

We discussed updating the kiosk at the main bridge. Our newest member, Beth, volunteered to purchase cork tiles to make it easier to pin up flyers. We will post calendar artwork flyer and other information.

Our next meeting will be held online on Thursday, Nov. 12th, at 6:30 pm. Election of officers will be held.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Pizur