

Friends of Grant Park

Online Meeting Minutes December 10, 2020

Attending: Beth Blackwood, Jody Johnson, Brian Morrison, Jackie Benka, Lynn Crawford, Pam Uhrig, Lynn Meidam, Debby Pizur, Annemarie Adsen, Betsy Abert, Deb Wilhelm. Attempting to attend: Patrick Hintz (we experienced technical difficulties)

Security – No security issues were raised.

Treasurer's Report – see attached -Some donations have been made: \$800 from the former South Milwaukee Community & Business Association from dissolution of the group plus two new members and other miscellaneous donations. Our Facebook page has 1,300 followers, 20 up-to-date paid memberships. There are 229 people (Jody checked) receiving FOGP network emails.

Oak Leaf Trail Sign Discussion – Parks has guidelines for use of the path including a version in English and Spanish. We will post guidelines in the kiosks, may edit Park's guidelines to eliminate "walk in single file". Pam volunteered to draft a short list of guidelines for us. Should add "multi-use path" to our posting and "respectful of other users". There was a discussion about the new portion of trail in the "s" curve area thought to be just for walkers, but the new trail is to be used by everyone.

Community Tree- Our tree was decorated by Deb Wilhelm, Jan Marsh, and Annmarie Adsen. Caterpillar and Ace Hardware donated the trees. People will be invited to walk the "winter wonderland" and view decorated trees from December 16 – January 01, at Farmers' Market Site, on 11th and Madison.

Tote Bags- We have FOGP tote bags for \$10. We will post on Facebook and website for gifting idea.

FOGP Calendar – We have a few great photos. Betsy will post we need more artwork.

Split rail fencing – A scout has volunteered to do cedar split rail fencing as her Eagle Scout project. FOGP members and two Parks' staff joined the scout to assess locations where fencing is needed. Scout belongs to a troop of 70 members. There is potential to get other scouts involved and doing other projects. A draft plan was created.

Brian is starting to organize 2021 season for Suburban Souls Guided Nature Walks. Our group is interested in supporting the events. We will have to consult with Parks admin. Park People were sharing Suburban Souls info on their website. Suggestion to table Suburban Souls discussion until Jan.

Lindsey Frost from Parks' admin gave the green light for us to engage volunteers again by using volunteer waivers. We had Parks' blessing for our Beach clean up in Oct. and one Weed-out in November. In comparison, Doctors Park Friends hosted a lot of volunteer work in 2020.

Trek N Treat date – second Sunday in Oct. Pam will reserve area 5 for Oct. 10th, 2021.

Motion to adjourn by Betsy, seconded by Brian – Happy Holidays!

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 14th, 2021.

Respectfully submitted by

Debbie Pizur