

FRIENDS OF GRANT PARK MINUTES
Aug 12, 2021

Attending: Jody Johnson, Deb Pizur, Jackie Benka, Rick Kaiser, Justine Miller, Lynn Crawford, Annemarie Adsen, Bill Sasse

Security None at this time

Treasurer Report

Checking, reconciled.....	\$ 5,892.85
Business.....	3,530.70
Park People balance	
Last reported Jan 15, 2021.....	<u>13,205.54</u>
Total	<u>\$ 22,629.09</u>

\$20,000 designated for Grant Park ravine restoration on May 13, 2021. To be held for that purpose for 2 years.

Full report accompanies the minutes. A question about calendar sales and other items was brought up. The inventory of all merchandise is also included.

Suburban Soles Update

Jody created a proposal to distribute the Suburban Soles future workload amongst Friends of Grant Park members. Those in attendance agreed we would have enough members willing to lead hikes and perform other duties to relieve Suburban Soles founder, Brian Morrison of some duties, so this successful program can continue.

Purchase Trees for Volunteers to Plant

For the past several years, Natural Areas Coordinator Brian Russart has ordered trees in bulk for Milwaukee County Parks. Friends of Grant Park has ordered our own lot of 50 trees that will be delivered along with the larger order. Unanimous consent was given to approve this process of ordering trees for Grant Park again. The trees will be delivered in late October or early November 2021 and when they arrive a group of volunteers will need to assemble quickly to plant the trees.

Trek 'n Treat Volunteers needed for Oct 10, 2021

Positions last from 12:45-4:00 pm, unless noted otherwise.

2 or 3 volunteers to sort out treats in the pavilion at 10 am.

3 or 4 adults for registration table from 12:45 -3pm. 1-2 people after 3.

3 adults for snack table: popcorn & cider

1 adult for FoGP info table (Lynn M. has volunteered)

1 or 2 volunteers for Pumpkin painting/rock painting table

1 photographer (Lynn C. has volunteered)

25-30 volunteers for treat stations 12:40-4:20.

Volunteers are encouraged to dress up in Halloween friendly costumes, bring a chair to sit on and a water bottle. At each station, the volunteers will educate the children about plants, animals, or the

habitat. Props and educational material will be handed out in the pavilion at 12:30, along with a bag of treats. Volunteers must be at their assigned station along the 7 Bridges trail at 1pm.

If you can help us out for this event, please send an email to Pam at puhrig@hotmail.com.

Road Construction

No official updates at this time

YouthWorks Update

The groups finished up in July and we thank them for all the hard work they completed. Next meeting will be a full update and a request for a donation to the YouthWorks organization.

FoGP Calendar Update

Meetings to finalize the calendar continue. Deb Pizur has contacted South Milwaukee vendors where the calendar can be sold.

South Milwaukee Community Night Out Feedback

Well attended. The Trek 'n Treat event was publicized, along with our other activities.

7 Bridges Beach Clean Up Sat., Sept. 11, 9 am. Meet at Area 5.

South Shore Chamber of Commerce

Membership of \$40 is half the normal dues. A representative of Friends of Grant Park can attend the monthly meeting held at a local restaurant. Annemarie expressed interest. Lynn Crawford motioned for Friends of Grant Park to join the South Shore Chamber of Commerce for the current \$40/year fee. Deb Pizur seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Blinds for Wulff Lodge

Parks' maintenance staff was able to install them. Thank you!

NEW BUSINESS

Bird and Owl Boxes

A member on the Friends of Grant Park Facebook page offered to donate owl or birdhouses. He has donated them to Wehr Nature Center, Schlitz Audubon and other parks/preserves. Lynn will ask him about bluebird boxes and will contact Brian Russart about the larger owl boxes. Deb suggested the boxes could also be used for fundraising.

Proposal to Eliminate Foraging Ban

Brian Russart sent an email to Friends members about a Milwaukee County ordinance amendment proposal to allow foraging in the county parks, a change from the current ban on foraging. Rick will send a message on behalf of Friends of Grant Park objecting to the proposal. Individual members are encouraged to share their views on foraging in the parks with their County Supervisor. For most of us, that supervisor is Steven Shea.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 9th, at 6:30 pm in the Area 5 brown pavilion.

Respectfully submitted by

Lynn Crawford