

Dec. 13, 2018

Friends of Grant Park Meeting Minutes

Attending: Deb Pizur, Lynn Meidam, Lynn Crawford, Annemarie Adsen, Rick Kaiser, Deb Wilhelm, Betsy Abert, Jan Marsh, Jackie Benka, James Davies

Security

Tonight a very bad crash happened on Lake Dr. A person hit a parked car. South Milwaukee Police had block watch meeting. They reported 9 drug overdose deaths and 16 overdoses in 2018 that they responded to. The SMPD is committed to do drug education presentations to high school students.

There's a little vandal - beaver doing a lot of damage. Parks is looking to remove the beaver. Beavers are also doing damage at the Urban Ecology Center.

Treasurer's Report

Trek 'n Treat final numbers: \$484.34

Savings \$6,456.88

Checking \$2,299.73

Park People \$10,376.71 = Total \$19,133.32

Lynn will be out of town from Jan. 3 to Jan. 26

Lynn would like to have co-treasurer - she is looking for a volunteer. Contact Lynn Crawford if you can assist her.

Details for Christmas Bird Count

Bird counts have been going on for over 100 years. This is done to determine the population of birds.

Wehr Nature Center will probably only have 6 people attending.

Jody is working 9am to 1pm, Deb W. 11am to 1pm and Pam noon to 4pm -James will try and help too.

Chili, 2 Soup, Betsy will bring bread and cookies.

Members please advertise FOGP open house

Betsy will start at 6:30am by trying to call in owls at Seven Bridges main entry

Winter Market Sales

Had around \$400 in sales and donations.

People pre-ordered t-shirts in sizes they needed, since we were sold out of those sizes. Jackie will re-order the shirts.

Landscaping project

No report yet but parks is interested in our specific project.

Parks' Marketing

Greater Milwaukee Foundation and Parks are partnering to market park swag.

Oak Leaf Trail poster is very nice.

Spit-balled other marketing ideas like a FOGP patch that could be put on park swag.

Pullin' O' the Green

What venue will we use - need options on what is available for both the Club House and Will o Way.

Can we use the Club House kitchen?

There was a comment that the raffle baskets were too large.

Should we do wine tasting with appetizers? Sandwiches? Just Irish Stew?
Need subgroup to make the decision!!!! Call Deb P 764-4236 if you want to help make the decision.

Bylaw and Board

Deb P talked to James. He is available to meet on Thursday evening or Sunday . Lynn M said, she'd help with the by-laws. Deb P. will contact Brian M. to see if he is interested in helping.

Preserve Our Parks - We are not listed as a partner. Jackie will check on how we can become a partner.

Sign

Tapco is anxious to get the sign in before it snows. Need copy of Tax ID. Cost was a little more due to pipes underground and grading that had to be done at the main entrance of Seven Bridges.

Watershed

Jan sat on the EPA review team. Parks Natural Areas Coordinator Brian Russart, also a member, spoke up and said we are a valuable group protecting the watershed. FOGP's name will be connected to the plan. The plan must conform to 9 EPA conditions. People are encouraged to comment on Sewrpsc.org about the plan. One of the questions is should the dam continue or not. A free flowing river is the healthiest river. Communities have to adopt the plan which will be reviewed by EPA.

Our next meeting will be held on January 10th, in the golf course clubhouse.

Respectfully submitted by
Debby Pizur