

Grant Park Watch /Friends of Grant Park Minutes

Jan. 10, 2019

Attending: Betsy Abert, Jan Marsh, Brian Morrison, Jackie Benka, Rick Kaiser, Pam Uhrig, Deb Wilhelm, Tom Gardner, Jody Johnson

A check for \$500 was presented to FoGP by the Garlic Mustard Pickers.

Security- need to check that the SMPD are on the email list so that they are reminded about the meetings. We discussed recent graffiti. At this time parks and police are unsure who did it.

Treasurer's report- Savings: \$1,456.88
Checking: \$489.20
Park People account: \$10,376.71
Total: \$12,322.79

Lynn provided balances for calendar sales, t-shirt sales and tote bag sales. A projected 2019 Budget was also submitted for our review. We agreed to sell remaining 2019 Historic Grant Park calendars for \$5.00 each until gone. Deb Wilhelm agreed to be a co-treasurer with Lynn.

Bylaws and board committee report tabled until next month.

2019 planning calendar- will add items in the Historic Grant Park calendar to our planning calendar on website.

Pullin' o' the Green: Brian Morrison suggested Capital Brewing for the drinks, invites should be sent to Pat J and Friends of Sheridan, the Mill Pond, elected officials. Raffles: 50/50, cheesecake and birdhouses made by Brian's grandpa.

Smoking in the Park: report tabled until next month. Idea is to educate the public on the harmful effects of cigarette butts to wildlife and water quality.

Suburban Soles-Brian reported that he is looking into having them begin at different sites, with a yard sign on Milw. and Mill road to indicate where the meeting place is. Ideas for this year: bird walk May 12, Nels Munson history of 7 bridges July 28, watershed plan, beach walk including stones and erosion info, freshwater sciences, ephemeral ponds

Jan. 22- SM library mural dedication 6-7 pm, Deb Pizer will speak on behalf of FoGP

March 24th is the Spring Market at the SMHS commons. FoGP has a table. Workers are Jody, Betsy, Jan and Deb P.

WeedOut - Progeny is the new herbicide that will be used by those who are certified, it will be applied at the end of each session, it is considered safer than Round-up. It is used with bark oil.

Owl Prowl-a wonderful event with a naturalist for Wehr Nature Center, gave an hour long presentation in the clubhouse then walked to several sites in the park, attendance was full with 30 people at each event, sponsored by Wehr

Other-beavers have taken down numerous trees along Oak Creek and the Parks Dept. is dealing with it.

Julia Robson will be asked to give her presentation *Walk to Sustain the Great Lakes* at the clubhouse in April.

Our next meeting will be held on Valentine's Day, February 14th, at the clubhouse.

Respectfully submitted by
Pam Uhrig