

FRIENDS OF GRANT PARK MINUTES JAN 14, 2021

Attendance Lynn Meidam, Jody Johnson, Brian Morrison, Lynn Crawford, Pam Uhrig, Jackie Benka, Patrick Hintz, Deb Pizur, Betsy Abert

Security Figure 8s created by vehicles have been seen in the grassy areas of the park. Betsy Abert agreed to contact Lindsey Frost to request that the gates to Grant Park lock at 10 pm once the weather warms up and parks are used even more than they are now. We believe the park is no longer being locked at 10 pm due to staffing issues. Betsy will also send members a link for reporting security issues in the park.

Treasurer’s Report (full report on spreadsheets is included)

Checking, reconciled.....\$ 6,204.55
 Savings..... 3,530.49
 Park People, Jan 14, 2021..... 12,553.53
 Total.....\$ 22,288.57

Suburban Soles Brian Morrison is hard at work on putting together the 2021 season.

May 2	The Forest Awakens	Katlyn Pluer (Not 100% Confirmed yet)	Phenology
May 16	Come Fly with Me	Betsy Abert & Rita Flores Wiskowski	Birds
May 30	Among the WildFlowers	Brooke Gilley	Ephemeral Forbs
Jul 13	An Ode to Odonates	Julia Robson	Dragonfly & Damselfly
Jun 27	Bloom Where You Are Planted	Delisa White	Native Plants
Jul 11	NOT YET BOOKED		
Jul 25	NOT YET BOOKED		History - Geology or Anthropology
Aug 8	Woodn't You Like to Know?	Mike Wendt	Trees
Aug 22	Nature Thru the Lens	Eddee Daniel	Photography
Sept 5	The Tides They Are a Changin'	Michael Timm	Climate Change
Sept 19	NOT YET BOOKED		

Brian asked to assist Deb Pizur in writing grants to help cover the approximately \$900-\$1000 of expenses required for Suburban Soles. BMO Productions will cover up to \$300 of program expenses. Members agreed that supporting Suburban Soles is an important component of our mission and should be supported.

Deb Pizur will invite Friends of the Mill Pond to join us in the Suburban Soles activities.

A goal of Suburban Soles 2021 will be how to get new people involved with Friends of Grant Park.

When contacting Brian, please use only one email. His preferred email is bmoproductionsmke@gmail.com

Oak Leaf Trail etiquette discussion, with graphic Comments on the graphic included: to the point, simple to read, gets point across. The size is now 8 inches x 10 inches. The sign can be enlarged, up to double the size.

The sign will go in 3 kiosks along the trail. As part of the discussion, it was mentioned the lock is missing on the kiosk closest to the golf course clubhouse. Jody will get a new combination lock and share the combination with members.

South Shore Chamber of Commerce member dues Deb Pizur informed us that there will be no Chamber dues for the first half of the year because no in-person meetings are taking place. FoGP will be invoiced when meetings resume.

Park People Gala Dinner

Saturday, Nov 6. 2021

6:00 pm – 11:30 pm

Boerner Botanical Gardens

Donated auction items for the Gala to benefit FOGP include a beautiful handmade quilt.

New Business

Betsy Abert has collected numerous Grant Park images from Facebook that she has forwarded to Brian Morrison for the 2022 FoGP calendar. Images will be shared with members. The creators of the images will be contacted if a possible candidate for the calendar.

Lynn Crawford motioned for adjournment, seconded by Betsy Abert. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 11th.

Respectfully submitted by

Lynn Crawford

Oak Leaf Trail is a Multi-use Trail

Please
Stay on the **RIGHT**;
Pass on the **LEFT**.

ALERT others
when
you pass.

Keep dogs
on a **short**
leash.

Thank You!

