

FRIENDS OF GRANT PARK MINUTES
JAN 14, 2021

Attendance Lynn Meidam, Jody Johnson, Brian Morrison, Lynn Crawford, Pam Uhrig, Jackie Benka, Annmarie Adsen, Stephanie Oleszek, William Sasse

Security No issues to report at this time.

Treasurer Report

Checking, reconciled.....	\$ 6,204.55
Business Savings.....	3,530.52
Park People acct.....	<u>12,553.53</u>
Total.....	<u>\$22,288.60</u>

Suburban Soles 2021 update

Annemarie Adsen moved that Friends of Grant Park cover the cost of 2021 Suburban Soles up to \$825, less any donations or grants. Pam Uhrig seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Brian Morrison stated that promotional and marketing materials will be completed in April.

Blinds for Wulff Lodge

The Suburban Soles Wulff Lodge event is July 25, 2021. Unit Coordinator Sean Kelly would like new blinds for Wulff Lodge and would welcome a contribution by Friends of Grant Park. The windows are not standard and measuring would be needed for cost estimates.

Jody Johnson suggested asking our members if anyone has a connection to a blinds company. Jackie will contact Mill Pond about blinds because that organization has been involved with blinds for Wulff Lodge in the past.

Fundraising proposal

The Fundraising Committee has come up with a suggestion for a plein aire art fair. Deb Pizur has knowledge of such art fairs and can suggest a list of potential artists. Late June or September with a time frame from 10-2 or 10-4. It was noted that we should check the date of the South Milwaukee Historical Society's Garden Tour, a June event that we don't want to interfere with. Second, contact Lindsay Frost of Parks for their approval. The pavilion in Area 5 could be utilized. Volunteers would be needed.

Brian Morrison suggested Serendipitous Design in South Milwaukee would be a good contact and can reach out to that company.

Facebook Proposal

Betsy Abert sent members an email prior to this meeting about a plein air art event in the park, which was also suggested by the Fundraising Committee. Discussion of this proposal is summarized in the above topic, Fundraising Proposal.

William Sasse from Root Pike Watershed Initiative Network

Root Pike WIN does many projects such as bank stabilization and prairie restoration. They've completed five major projects last year. Root Pike WIN would like to partner with Friends of Grant Park starting small, such as eradicating invasive species.

SEWRPC website contains the Oak Creek Watershed plan, expected to be completed by the end of the year, that would be the basis of our collaboration. In the meantime, smaller joint projects can be pursued. One suggestion was cross promoting events such as putting information in each other's kiosks.

Members thanked Bill Sasse for approaching our group with the generous offer of cooperation from Root Pike WIN.

Quilt Auction

Deb Pizur created for a quilt for a virtual auction fundraiser. All members will be contacted, along with public postings, for the virtual auction. Bidding starts at \$35 in \$5 increments. A picture of the quilt is attached with these minutes.

Brian Morrison motioned to adjourn, seconded by Lynn Crawford.

Respectfully submitted by

Lynn Crawford