

Friends of Grant Park Meeting Minutes June 9, 2022

Attending: Dave Kowalewski, Keith Sobczak, SM Police Officer Nate Siefert, Lynn Meidam, Jim Toth, Lynn Crawford, Rick Kaiser, Betsy Abert, Jan Marsh, Mary Fortier, Jackie Benka, Pam Uhrig, Jody Johnson, Deb Sindric, Debby Pizur

Security

Officer Siefert had no serious incidents to report. When asked about the entry gate access issue at night, he said police and Ferch's prefer the gates be closed.

Treasurer's Report

Checking	\$7,365.45
Savings	\$3,756.00
Park People	\$14,107.88
Total	\$25,229.47. Please see attached.

Received \$500 for Trek 'n Treat from Greater Milwaukee Association of Realtors Youth Foundation; and \$1,200 for planting trees from WE Energies Foundation.

ARTservancy

The artist-in-residence program pairs artists with land preserves or parks to immerse themselves and produce art based on that experience. James Toth formerly worked for SM school district, then Betty Brinn Children's Museum. He shared his recent work *Kodama*, a sculpture carved with cement and drift wood. He would like to open his process to the public and cast cement sculptures on the beach. He likes the idea of doing an art walk.

Suburban Soles

May 22 (wildflowers) had 34 attendees, \$45 donations; June 5, (Bats - first night event) 47 attendees, \$99 donations.

Brian Morrison was featured in a 5/24 article in the *Journal/Sentinel*, and by Channel 58 (interview should air Sunday, June 12 at 10am). Attendance is increasing. Perhaps portable microphone should be used... Should walks be limited to smaller group size? What is objective/mission of talks? Should we invite speakers for feedback to our monthly meeting? There is concern about road construction on Mill Rd. affecting the route to be taken for next walk which might cross private property.

Ravine steps project/Eaton donation update

Re: steps project - Parks' to notify if approved by June 13. Eaton Corporation awarded \$2,500 to be distributed in third quarter; no requirements on how the funds will be used. Therefore, it was suggested we inform Eaton that funds might be repurposed for our steps project since materials cost has gone up.

Doors Open South Milwaukee

Former SM mayor Erik Brooks suggested we participate in new event, *Doors Open South Milwaukee*, which is tentatively planned for Sept 17. We need parks' permission if Wulff and Clubhouse would be available. Our members would host the event at those locations.

Fundraising

We'd like members to sell or purchase raffle tickets.

2022 Calendar project still undetermined.

Dave Kowalewski suggested creating laminated placemats to sell with photos and helpful information or recipes. Could ask a local business to help do some of the printing. Could charge business to advertise on placemats.

Other

Post info about Blastomycosis risk for dogs in the Warnimont dog park and Grant kiosks. New friends' group formed for Warnimont Dog Park.

Rick Kaiser reported June 9 was first workday for YouthWorks crew. Borrowed burdock removal tools from Barry Waddel at Park People (who offered to order 5 more for our use). Among other things, YouthWorkers removed **3" of eroded mud** from bridge surface. Park People will hold friends group meeting at South Shore Park on June 23rd. Posted 3 more signs on social trails.

Pam Uhrig reported - Someone built a fire that burned a new fence; someone **chopped down Don Lawson's memorial tree** (!) and other vegetation along the bluff.

Lynn Crawford – moved to adjourn. Jan March – seconded.

The next meeting will be held on July 14th at 6:30 pm in the golf course clubhouse.

Respectfully submitted by

Debby Pizur