

Friends of Grant Park Minutes

July 14, 2022

Attending: Jackie Benka, Jan Marsh, Patrick Hintz, South Milwaukee Inv. Walvsay, Deb Wilhelm, Mary Fortier, Lynn Meidam, Lynn Crawford, Deb Pizur, Nathan Jurowski, Bill Sasse, Jody Johnson

Security: Various statistics of different incidents were recounted by Inv. Walvsay. All were minimal. Citizens can take photos of people harvesting materials in the park and send them to the sheriff; do not post them on social media.

Treasurer's Report

Checking, reconciled	\$8,974.49
Savings	3761.03
Park People acct as of Jan 15, 2021	14,197.25
Total	\$26,932.77

Additional details are in the accompanying spreadsheet. Lynn Crawford moved that \$134 be given to Betsy Abert after receiving \$120 in donations designated "bird feeder," which Betsy oversees, and Betsy spent \$14 on a bluebird house protector. Jody Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ravine Steps Proposal, Modification Prior to Project Approval: The project has advanced with a few minor tweaks requested by Parks planning department.

Fundraising Committee Report:

- The placemats are on hold for now since there is currently no funding to create them. Saturday Nov. 12, 2022, 6 pm is the Park People Gala.
- A plant sale is scheduled for June 8, 2023 at the South Milwaukee Farmer's Market.
- An art fair is in the planning stages for the 9th or 23rd, July 2023 and will be tied either to the beer garden of the first day of Heritage Week.
- A web store has been discussed but would need an administrator with skills to manage it.
- The calendar for 2023 is going forward. Photos of 5-6 MBs are needed. Sue Hebner will put the calendar together, as she has done in the past.

YouthWorks Progress Report

Tabled until a time when Rick Kaiser may join us.

June 23, 2022 Friends Group Gathering Update

Three FoGP members attended: Rick Kaiser, Pam Uhrig, Jody Johnson. They met the new Liaison for Parks Friends Groups, Tony Giron. The Friends of Warnimont Dog Park was recently established.

Environmental Wellness Event, Aug 18: Literature, Table Suggestions?

Held by the Cudahy Health Department from 4 pm – 8 pm in Area 4 of Grant Park. Providing information on forest bathing was suggested.

Community Night Out on Aug 3rd: Volunteers to staff table? Mary Fortier and Lynn Crawford volunteered to attend. Pam Uhrig has the storage tote with materials and information to share there.

Suburban Soles Update

\$244 has been received in donations. S'mores will be offered for sale at the upcoming *Nothing in Da Moonlight* program on July 17th. One of 3 night programs this year, a campfire will entice attendees to roast marshmallows.

4th of July Fireworks

South Milwaukee fireworks rescheduled date is not known at this time.

Deb Pizur moved to adjourn the meeting. Deb Wilhelm seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, Aug. 11th at 6:30 pm in the golf course clubhouse.

Respectfully submitted by

Lynn Crawford