

Friends of Grant Park Minutes

Sept. 8, 2022

Attending: Keith Sobczak, Dave Kowalewski, Grant Park Unit Coordinator Sean Kelly, Jody Johnson, Mary Fortier, Robert Kempke, Susan Gresser, Chris Marifke, Lynn Crawford, Lyn Weber, Deb Pizur, Pam Uhrig, SMPD Officer Rohde, Jan Marsh, Jackie Benka, Rick Kaiser

Security: Officer Rohde stated there were 41 criminal deterrence incidents from Aug 1 to the present. A water rescue of children was performed with no injuries. The damage to Ferch's, which included graffiti, is being investigated by the Sheriff. There is video of the perpetrators.

Treasurer's Report

Guardian Checking, reconciled	\$	3,710.39
Guardian Savings		86.05
Park People Account		14,197.25
Total	\$	17,993.69

Additional details are in the accompanying Treasurer's Report spreadsheet.

Bluebirds: Reported to Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin—7 hatchlings from the bluebird boxes at Grant Park Golf Course.

Open Doors South Milwaukee: Wulff Lodge will be open to the public Sept. 17 from 10 am–3 pm. Deb Pizur has a Wulff Lodge history flyer for those attending and Jackie Benka has created a fact sheet. Volunteers are Lynn Meidam, Deb Pizur, Jan Marsh (substituting for Jackie Benka) and Lyn Weber.

Adopt-a-Beach Cleanup: also on Sept. 17 from 9 am to noon at area 5 parking lot. FOGP partners with Alliance for the Great Lakes. Pre-register online at www.greatlakesadopt.org. Volunteers include Jody Johnson and Lynn Crawford.

Wil-o-Way Steps: Project on hold, waiting for materials.

Fundraising: A partial example of the 2023 calendar was passed around. Trek 'n Treat is Oct 9, 2022. Please indicate how you'd like to help with Trek 'n Treat on the sign-up sheet or contact Pam Uhrig. Trek 'n Treat yard signs are available. Friends of Grant Park will have a table for the last two Thursdays in Sept. at the South Milwaukee Downtown Market, Sept 22 and 29. Contact Pam Uhrig to assist.

Wooden Medallions: Thank you Dave Kowalewski for creating and donating several detailed wooden medallions with the Friends of Grant Park logo. These works of art will be used in fundraising.

Yoga on the Bluff: Tuesday, Sept. 20, 6 - 7 pm, on the bluff nearest the bird feeder. Park in the lot for Area 2, which is across the street from Areas 3/4. No registration. Bring your own mat. A \$10 voluntary donation to the instructor is appreciated. Rain cancels event.

Suburban Soles Update: Jody distributed a list to core members via email of Suburban Soles season tasks, created by program founder, Brian Morrison. Jan Marsh volunteered to help form a committee to investigate continuing Suburban Soles program by other FOGP members to allow Brian Morrison to step back.

WeedOut Recruitment of Volunteers: Rick Kaiser met with potential student volunteers from MU for 4 hours on Sept. 7 and will meet through zoom with UW-M Ecology students. Projects include planting trees, fencing trees that have been planted, cutting buckthorn, cutting Japanese Tree Lilac, and covering social trails with brush. Let Rick know if you can help on any of these dates: Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8, 22, and 29. Time is 9 am and most often meets at the tennis court parking lot.

Discover Wellness Update: Good turnout for this event in Grant Park, about one person visited the Friends of Grant Park table every 5 minutes. This was the first wellness event of this nature.

New Business:

The bridge over Oak Creek along Mill Road needs to be redesigned, which will cause additional delays into next year. It was reported that several residents on Hawthorne Ave. received letters mentioning completion of the bridge and reopening of Mill Rd. not expected until next year.

The bank stabilization along Oak Creek is complete and the Pumping Station project remains ongoing.

Deb Pizur motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jan Marsh seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

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

Respectfully submitted by

Lynn Crawford