

Friends of Grant Park Minutes

Oct 13, 2022

Attending: Dave Kovalewski, Lynn Meidam, Lynn Crawford, Mary Fortier, Lyn Weber, Deb Pizur, Deb Wilhelm, Pam Uhrig, Jan Marsh, Annemarie Adsen, Robert Kempke, Rick Kaiser, Jody Johnson

Security: No officer liaison in attendance. A conservation officer has been asking golf course staff if they had found any bow hunting arrows on the course. There have been cases of poaching at Whitnall. On Facebook there was an exchange about how hunting in the park is not legal. An ATV, which appears to belong to Ferch's Beachside Grille, was seen being driven from the north end of the beach.

Treasurer's Report

Guardian Checking, reconciled,	2,711.09
Guardian Savings	86.05
Park People Account (last update July, 2022)	14,197.25
Total	<u>16,994.39</u>

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

Memorial donation for Vic Hilarov

A tree will be donated in his name. Vic was a long-time Cudahy and South Milwaukee resident who enjoyed Grant Park. Lynn Crawford will work with the family on this memorial.

Trek 'n Treat

Beautiful day, lots of volunteers. Thanks to Pam Uhrig for organizing and Deb Pizur for applying to Greater Milwaukee Association of Realtors Youth Foundation for the grant that supported Trek 'n Treat. All treats were handed out within an hour or so because participation was so high.

2023 FOGP Secrets of Grant Park Calendars

For the public, \$15 each or 2 for \$25. For Friends of Grant Park members, \$10 each. Can be purchased (cash only) in South Milwaukee at Mari's Flowers, Wine & Gifts; Avenue Coffee House; Skyline Deli; Parkway Floral; and Kelly Senior Center gift shop in Cudahy.

Friends of the Mill Pond Option

Aug 24, 2023 Friends of the Mill Pond extended invitation for FoGP to join them hosting an evening beach walk at Grant Park Beach. Each group would contribute \$250 toward the band that Ferch's will hire for this event. Members can consider this community event and discuss it at a future date.

Weed Out Update

Oct 22, 9 - 11am, meeting at the parking lot for Wil-o-Way. Work will take place near the area where the steps are currently being installed. Ten college students have signed up as volunteers.

Betsy removed large amount of invasive porcelain berry vines with the help of park staff.

Twenty more trees will be delivered and Rick will start planting. He will send out emails for assistance but there is no scheduled planting session on Oct 29 or any other date.

Bluebird Trail Maintenance

Bluebird houses have been delivered to the maintenance building. David Kovalewski will see if he can add engraving of our FoGP logo. New poles made of 3/4 inches conduit would be more stable than the current 1/2 inch poles. A plastic bird house entrance protector is recommended.

Wil-o-Way Steps

Stone Oak Landscaping is working on the steps into the ravine near Wulff Lodge and should complete the job in a week and a half.

2023 FoGP Budget Discussion

Please bring your suggestions for projects, grants, or for expenses you've been covering to the next meeting or send them to Deb Pizur or Lynn Crawford.

Board Elections

Held in November. Seeking nominees for chairperson.

December FoGP Meeting

Meeting will be a social with historian Nels Monson. We will invite the public and serve refreshments.

Replacement for A-Frame Sign

The A-frame sign we have been using to announce our meetings has gone missing. A new one will be purchased for \$120 that allows for printed message to be changed at an additional cost of about \$20/sign.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10 at 6:30 pm in the golf course clubhouse, and will include the election of board members for the 2023 calendar year. Only dues paying members in good standing are eligible to vote.

Respectfully submitted by

Lynn Crawford