The Friends of Grant Park Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 9th, 6:30pm, clubhouse

Present: Dave Kowalski, Jody Johnson, Chris Marifke, Susan Gresser, Betsy Abert, Deb Wilhelm, Debby Pizur, Pam Uhrig

Security – no officers. Someone parked on clubhouse grass while using the putting green. General Ranger – 414-257-7777, non-emergency

Treasurer's report (attached) Please pay your dues in the beginning of the yea

Fundraiser Committee report: Art Fair, July 23- Jody contacted MIAD to invite college students to attend fair. We have 10 booths sold. Applications can be found on our website: fogp.org/aret-fair/

Update (WE Energies, SEWISC,) Received \$850 from WEenergies Foundations to be used for Suburban Soles. We have applied to SEWISC for tree planting. Waiting for Eaton and will use money for trees.

Golf Course gardens – Brian D, golf course supervisor would like volunteers to take care of gardens around clubhouse. Golf course will pay for flowers. Can volunteers use Preen. Chris and Sue volunteered to lead volunteers to take care of the garden on the south side of the clubhouse.

Earth Day clean-up, April 15, 9-12, Grant Park beach -need volunteers. Combined health dept's asked to work in partnership to do beach cleanup.

Funding for Parks update – review of letter we want to send to Gov. Evers. A letter will be sent in support of 1% sales tax increase for county services and 25% of this 1% to be earmarked for Milwaukee County Parks.

Suburban Soles – Need Lynn Weber number, please call Debby P -414-764-4236. Extension would like to sell plants after SS talk at Wil-o-Way.

Seven Bridges/ordinance 47.08 – People can be fined \$100 for damage to natural areas. Use of RC cars/trunks and running/walking the tops of stone walls or up and down the slopes is prohibited. After Parks okays, Pam will post flyers with ordinance in kiosk.

Stair plaque, brass 2x8 \$100 –We voted to spend \$100 for a sign, but will postpone that order for a month. Dave will look at the steps and see if he can come up with a sign idea.

New Business

Betsy put out some bluebird houses.

Gargoyles group is meeting this month. Jim Toth has some ideas about gargoyles. Gargoyles might be a Federal Art projects, per Sue from an article she found on the internet. Dave has an idea to make a patio block with words on it Beach walk August 26th done in partnership with Mill Pond Group and Ferch's.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Pizur