

Friends of Grant Park Minutes

February 9, 2023

Present: Debby Pizur, Dave Kowalewski, Robert Kempke, Lynn Crawford, Mary Fortier, Susan Gresser, Chris Marifke, Todd Rosploch, Robert Fliss, Jody Johnson, Annemarie Adsen, Carla Uphill, Lyn Weber, Jan Marsh, Deb Wilhelm, Betsy Abert, Pam Uhrig

Security Along the Oak Creek Parkway, a TV was dumped on the hillside. On the 5th hole near the playground at the Grant Park Golf Course are bags of feces. Sean has been notified.

Problems and issues in the parks can be reported at the website <http://issues.county.milwaukee.gov> by choosing the Park section, then the yellow Report Issue.

Treasurer's Report

Running Budget is attached. Balance Sheet as of 12/31/2022 and Income Statement for 2022 are attached.

Art Fair Seeking original designs. Six artists have signed up and paid for the Sunday July 23, 2023 art fair. Applications, including terms and conditions, can be found on the Friends of Grant Park website <http://fogp.org/art-fair/>

Grants Update Our grant application to Bucyrus Erie, seeking funds to improve the south facing slope near the lake in the Seven Bridges and requests that a section of the Seven Bridges kiosk be devoted to promoting South Milwaukee businesses and events.

The application for the Eaton grant was submitted Jan 31, 2023 and asked for \$3000 for tree planting.

A Clean Trails Grant will be received for \$250 to be put toward tools for removing invasive species.

Beach Bonfire, August 26, 2023 A show-of-hands vote was taken to participate with Friends of the Mill Pond and Ferch's to contribute \$300 to hire a band for the evening beach bonfire event. The vote passed. Members also agreed to volunteer at the event.

Suburban Soles 2023 Jan Marsh and Deb Pizur are working on Suburban Soles. They have half of the dates filled with events at this point and plan to finalize the program next month. May 7 Birding with Rita Witkowski is the first event. Jan and Deb requested the Suburban Soles calendar be posted on the Friends of Grant Park website. Jody Johnson volunteered to make flyers to promote Suburban Soles events.

The Park People Friends Group Social Media Post Series will take place Feb 6-10 FoGP Instagram and Feb 20-24 FoGP Facebook. The Park People also requested names of interested members that would be willing to be interviewed for their Historical Archives Project. Nels Munson's name was suggested as the historical expert, and Debby Pizur will volunteer as a representative of our group.

Merchandise to sell Jody Johnson reminded us that anything a non-profit sells must be tied to its mission statement. Ideas for t-shirts were discussed by the fundraising committee to bring in funds to restore park pavilion gargoyles. A committee for gargoyle restoration includes members Jody Johnson, Annemarie Adsen, Lynn Meidam, Pam Uhrig and Jan Marsh.

Weedouts: April 29, May 6,13,20. Please let Rick Kaiser know if you can help out on May 20th when a large group of high school students will be volunteering from 9-11:30. Youth Works will also be volunteering in June and July.

State of the County Address with David Crowley will be Feb. 21, 10am in the UW-Student Union Ballroom. Several members are attending this event.

Golf Course gardens: Discussion continues to determine who would like to help weed and maintain the gardens around the clubhouse for the entire growing season.

Motion to adjourn by Jody Johnson, seconded by Mary Fortier.

Respectfully submitted by
Lynn Crawford