

Friends of Grant Park Minutes

December 8, 2022

Attending: Jan Schumacher, Mary Fortier, Jody Johnson, Jan Marsh, Annemarie Adsen, Matthew Plummer, Justine Miller, Michael Timm, Betsy Abert, Carla Uphill, Jackie Benka, Lyn Weber, Robert Kempke, Rick Kaiser, Lynn Crawford, Pam Uhrig, Deb Pizur, Patrick Hintz, Deb Wilhelm

Security: A South Milwaukee resident related an incident this past Thanksgiving morning in which he was both verbally and physically assaulted after confronting someone dumping garbage in Grant Park. He expressed frustration when the SM police told him to call Milwaukee County Sheriff's deputies to respond since Grant Park is the county's jurisdiction. The deputies took his report after the fact.

A truck was seen picking up firewood, a practice that is not allowed without written permission from Milwaukee County Parks.

A question was raised whether it is permissible to take wood chips from the piles of mulch. Parks will be contacted for an answer.

Treasurer's Report

Guardian Checking, reconciled 12/7/2022					\$3,281.98
Guardian Savings, 12/7/2022					\$86.05
Park People Account Estimate (last update July, 2022)					\$4,037.17
			Total		<u>\$7,405.20</u>

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

The proposed 2023 Friends of Grant Park Budget was voted upon by the membership and passed unanimously. A final accounting for 2022 will be presented at the January 2023 meeting.

Grant Applications

Bucyrus Foundation: The initial submission must be made by the end of January 2023. The administration for this grant, which was awarded to the city of South Milwaukee, comes from the department that oversees City Economic Development.

Eaton: Requires proposals in January. It was agreed that Deb Pizur would submit a \$3,000 grant request for tree planting in spring and fall.

Green Bay Packer Foundation: We were awarded \$4000 by the Green Bay Packer Foundation to be used for our program operating expenses for the next year. It will be included in the 2023 budget. Thank you to Deb Pizur for applying for this grant.

Betsy Abert will submit a list of projects of interest to Friends of Grant Park to Milwaukee County Parks to determine which projects align with Parks goals, and therefore which projects should be the subject of grant writing.

Fundraising Committee

Park People's Gala Dinner: Jody Johnson and Pam Uhrig attended and had an enjoyable time. They reported we grossed over \$1,000 from silent auction items. Thank you to all who donated. The Wulff Lodge overnight package was very popular in the bidding process.

Calendar Sales:

\$15 each, 2 for \$25, \$10 each for members. \$1260 sales to date.

Friends of Grant Park Art Fair: July 23, 2023, 10 am – 2 pm, to be held in the Area 5 brown pavilion. There has been a good response from artists.

Bluebird Trail: Justine and Matthew Miller, who have completed Master Naturalist training, will be volunteering with the Bluebird Trail at the Grant Park Golf Course next year.

Congratulations!

Betsy Abert was presented with an honorary Friends of Grant Park Lifetime Membership for her many years of devoted service to the park, including attending to the very popular bird feeder. Jody Johnson was honored for her 5-years as Friends of Grant Park chair, during which our organization saw numerous successes. Many thanks to both members for their time, talents and commitment to preserve and protect our beautiful Grant Park for many years.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 12th at 6:30 pm in the golf course clubhouse.

Respectfully submitted by

Lynn Crawford