

## Friends of Grant Park Minutes April 13, 2023

**Present** Robert Kempke, Mary Fortier, Lynn Meidem, Robert Fliss, Jody Johnson, Patty Koehn, Jan Marsh, Lynn Crawford, Deb Wilhelm, Annemarie Adsen, Deb Syndric, Jackie Benka, Betsy Abert, Patrick Hintz, Rick Kaiser, Debby Pizur

**Security** Firefighters responded to the wood chip pile near the tennis courts that appeared to be steaming. No damage. A request was made for signs to keep remote vehicles off the slopes because of the damage these toy vehicles do. Damage to one of the Seven Bridges was brought up. Park issues can be reported at this website:

<https://issues.county.milwaukee.gov/>

Choose Proceed as Guest, Read the welcome popup and then x out, click Park Issues, then click the yellow Submit Issue button.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Attached

**South Milwaukee Civic Grant** The grant is for remodeling and adding to the kiosk in front of Seven Bridges.

**Suburban Soles** Almost all events for 2023 have been planned. The first event is a birdwalk May 7.

**Grant Park Roads** There is a possibility that Grant Park roads will be repaved this summer.

**Art Fair** Sixteen spots have been sold so far. There will be vendors selling food at the art fair. The committee is still looking for a special item to sell at the art fair event. Applications for a table, including terms and conditions, can be found on the Friends of Grant Park website <http://fogp.org/art-fair/>

**Fundraising** Grants have been written for Trek 'n Treat and for trees in the park.

**Plant Sale** June 1, 2023 at the Farmers Market

**Pat Jursik and Park People project in June** Pat Jursik would like to come to our June meeting to talk about a Park People project.

**Hummingbird Plants distributed** Deb Wilhelm gave away Scarlett Gilliam plants from her garden, which attract hummingbirds. Thank you Deb!

**Gargoyles** Options suggested by a representative of MSOE's Grohmann Museum for preserving the gargoyles include basic carpentry and putting filler in the cracks formed, rather than having artists recreate the structures. *Looking for carpenters who may be able to assist with the preservation.* It was brought up that the original carver may have been the father of a South Milwaukee resident who may have been named Mary Blau.

**Weedouts** Rick Kaiser shared information on the upcoming Spring Weedouts, which start at 9:00 am. Dates are Apr 29, May 6, May 13, May 20. Additional adult volunteers are needed for May 20. Please contact Rick Kaiser. If anyone has a particular location they wish to see weeded, also please contact Rick Kaiser. Check the Friends of Grant Park website before each weedout in case there is any change. Betsy Abert reported that for invasives such as Japanese Tree Lilac, a process of de-barking instead of herbicides, will be tried.

**Beer Garden musical performance** If anyone knows who to contact to ask about performing at the beer garden, please contact Pam Uhrig.

**April 19 5:00 to 7:00 pm Reaching Out with Art** Patrick Hintz told us about the South Milwaukee schools using art to reach out to state legislators regarding school funding.

**Aug 10 Summer Summit** Friends of Grant Park members are invited to the Grant Park Beach to watch the sunrise with those attending the summit.

Motion to adjourn by Anne Marie Adsen, seconded by Deb Sindric. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by  
Lynn Crawford