

# Friends of Grant Park Minutes

June 8, 2023

**Present:** Lynn Meidem, Mary Fortier, Lyn Weber, Adam Sadik, Susan Gresser, Deb Sindric, Chris Marifke, Jody Johnson, Jan Marsh, Rober Kempke, Patricia Jursik, Rick Kaiser, Chris Rohde, Deb Pizur, Betsy Abert, Keith Sobczak, Deb Wilhelm

**Security Officer** Chris briefed us. Not much to report. An explosion heard in the park in early May was reported but police could find nothing.

**Treasurer's Report**-Attached

**Parks Foundation-Pat Jursik** Pat asked for Friends of Grant Park to join other Friends groups along with Preserve our Parks to form united coalition to advocate for the parks. At our next meeting we will hold an official vote on joining this coalition. Thank you to Pat Jursik for her commitment to the parks and taking time to talk with our group.

## Fundraising

**Art Fair**—2 spots left for the July 23 Art Fair

**Plant Sale**—An easy fundraiser that raised \$414.21

**2024 Calendar**—View the Haunts of Nature: Tiny to Tremendous is the theme. Send photos to [friendsofgrantpark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofgrantpark@gmail.com)

**Plaque for New Steps** Keith agreed to contact Wenta Monument on South 13<sup>th</sup> St for ideas on how to attach the plaque to a boulder at the top of the steps.

**New Bulletin Boards for Kiosk** The new bulletin boards are up and look great.

**Suburban Soles** The program is going well. The most recent Wonders of Wil-o-way event got good feedback.

**Gargoyles, Grotesques, Fantastical Faces?** The committee is discussing what to call the carvings and whether the lead paint on them requires special care. Adopt-a-gargoyle is being considered.

## Other Business

Placing tube-like containers at points along Oak Creek for fishermen to discard their lines was brought up. Adam will look into these devices. Permission would need to be granted from Milwaukee County Parks.

We discussed inviting Mill Pond to co-sponsor a meeting on the Oak Creek Watershed study and results of the Mill Pond core sampling. The timeframe would likely be fall or winter.

If you are available on the Fourth of July around 10 am to help pass out trash bags to those who will be celebrating in the park, please contact Betsy.

Reminder—The July, Aug and Sept Friends of Grant Park meetings will be held at the pavilion in Area 5.

Motion for adjournment by Lynn, seconded by Jan. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by  
Lynn Crawford