

Friends of Grant Park

Meeting Minutes -January 11, 2024

Present: Barb Johnson, Chris Kubacki, Lynn Weber, Don Bulley, Kathy Briesemeister, Nancy Wucherer, Mary Fortier, Betsy Abert, Debby Pizur, Carla Uphill, Frank Gratke, Mary and Nick Keyes, Rick Kaiser, Chris Marifke, Susan Gresser, Sue Hibben, Jody Johnson, Bill Sasse, Lynn Crawford, Annemarie Adsen, Deb Sindric, Jerry Connor, Deb Wilhelm, Pam Uhrig

Presentation – Milwaukee County Parks, civil engineer Chris Kubacki gave a brief overview of the Oak Creek Watershed plan. Several sediment samples were taken from different spots in the pond. The sediment was identified as toxic but not hazardous, which still requires special handing/disposal. Next step is public engagement to assess the options and their impact on the community. Full report is available at the SM Library. See PowerPoint attached.

Treasurers report – See attached. A complete end of the year report will be available after information is received from the Park People. 2024 calendar sales are still being collected.

Lynn C, made a motion to identify \$10,000 to be used in planning and restoration work in the 7 bridges area for 3 years. Seconded by Ann Marie. Motion was tabled to allow for more discussion.

Security – New kiosk at 7 Bridges was broken into. The display case company is sending a replacement lock for free. There is a plan to have a locksmith repair the kiosk and suggest possible security measures to avoid a repeat incident.

Other business- blue bird trail helpers are needed. Please speak to Betsy or Lynn C.

New bird feeder was installed at parking lot 2. The bird feeders have been getting a lot of support from people filling the feeders and monetary donations.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Pizur