

**Friends of Grant Park
Meeting Minutes December 14, 2023**

Treasurer report-see attached

\$10,000 has been put in a separate account to be used for planning and work in the Seven Bridges ravine.

Please remember to report all donations. Receipts are only needed if you want to be reimbursed. Reporting donations will help us make our budget more attractive to grant makers.

Security- SM officer attended and reported that very little crime has been committed in the past several months, a couple of accidents and medical emergencies. A foursome was breaking into cars in the area and 3 were caught, the 4th person is known and being pursued. Remember not to leave valuables in your vehicle.

It was reported that the stones in front of the warming house near the Mill Pond has some stone blocks removed. Friends of the Mill Pond and Parks are aware of work being done. It was not caused by vandalism.

SM Officer was asked about the Big Chill run taking place on Jan 24th. He had no info for this year but knew that it has been held in the past.

Rick reported fences were removed from 2 newly planted trees. He is not sure how it happened, perhaps deer. Please report any broken fences to Rick.

SM Market-FoGP had a table at the market on Dec. 9th. Items sold brought in \$240. Purchasing a table at the spring market at the SMHS on March 2 was discussed. The fundraising committee will meet to determine what items can be sold. There are several bird houses made by Dave that are available.

Gargoyle – Volunteer carver will work with park staff to determine how a new carving can be attached to the beam at the pavilion in Area 5. There is an issue with water damage and the possibility of replacing the beam with a new one.

Kiosk – It has been recommended that info about a dog disease going around should be posted. Please tell Pam at friendsofgrantpark@gmail.com if there is something that you feel should be posted.

Meeting- We hope to have a representative from the DNR explain the Oak Creek watershed plan at a future meeting. Frank offered to share a white paper on the subject.

FOGP info/emails– Please send an email to freindsofgrantpark@gmail.com if you are not receiving FOGP info.

Many THANKS to the following:

Mill Pond members for decorating the Clubhouse.

All the people that brought treats to the holiday get-together.

Mayor Jim Shelenske for sharing his holiday message.

The musicians: Deb Wilhelm, Jerry Connor and Keith Scheffler

Frank for the apron and gloves gifts.

Jody for the great job she did on the newsletter and calendar.

Debby for her beautiful 7 Bridges ornaments that were sold out.

Respectfully submitted,
Debby Pizur
Secretary