

## **Friends of Grant Park Meeting Minutes for May 9, 2024**

**Present:** Lynn Weber, Mary Fortier, Carla Uphill, Jody Johnson, Robert Kempke, Lynn Crawford, Mike Moeller, Lori Locke, Jan Marsh, Annemarie Adsen, Patrick Hintz, Betsy Abert, Debby Pizur, Pam Uhrig

Mike Miller introduced himself and is running for 21st assembly representative. Chris Sinicki is also running for the 21<sup>st</sup> assembly.

Security – No officers attended meeting. No one had anything to report.

Treasurer's Report – please see attached.

Weedouts, May 4, 11, 18 – The weedouts on April 27 and May 4 were well attended by UWM students and other volunteers. Dames Rocket and garlic mustard were cleared out around the Oak Leaf trail through Wil-O-Way, the woods near the bird feeder lot and west of the pavilion in Area 5. Volunteers signed up to supervise students on the 18<sup>th</sup> should contact Rick. Park People and Milw. County Parks would like to know each member's volunteer hours throughout the year.

Fundraising committee update – please sign up to volunteer.

Plant Sale @ SM Market, June 6, from 3 to 7pm – Drop off your plants at the market and if you'd like to help sell plants contact Pam.

Art Fair, July 21 – We are thinking of adding a spot. Artists are sending in photos of their items that will be in the raffle.

Suburban Soles – need volunteers to be hosts for upcoming walks. Please sign up. There was a suggestion to perhaps sell something like T-shirts. May 5<sup>th</sup> birding event was well attended. Thank you Rita and Betsy.

Kiosks – Purchasing polycarbonate to replace plexiglass in kiosks that have cracked and were damaged by vandals. Size of the display area will be decreased on 2 of the kiosks from 2 doors/side to 1 door/side. Jody's husband has agreed to do the work.

Bonsai Show, June 22, 9am-4pm – Milwaukee Bonsai Society. Please sign up to sit at FOGP table. There was some discussion about the condition of the pavilion and the gargoyles. A separate committee will meet to discuss this issue.

Shakespeare in the Park, produced by Optimist Theatre, July 13 and 14 – will be performed on the lawn south of the swan pond near the tennis courts parking lot. Bring your own chairs. More info will be available next month.

Cousins Subs Donation Night for FOGP, Sept. 16, 4-7pm. 20% of sales will be given to FOGP. Cousins is donating 300 coupons for a free sub for Trek 'n Treat. Please help promote donation night in Sept.

7 Bridges Project-Proposal for initial service/master plan from Indigo Ecological Design and Geo Syntac which is an engineering company will be submitted to Parks. The companies would be interested in helping us with grant proposals. Another company is interested in working with us. Besty will fill out Parks form to tell them about our plans.

How to approach people picking plants? Call Park Rangers, they can issue tickets. Suggestion made to post no harvesting flyers in the kiosks.

Beach cleanup had 43 people come and help. Questions arose about shotgun shell wadding and the photo on display at the table was helpful to those who didn't know what it was. Shotgun shell wadding will be counted in September at the 7 Bridges beach cleanup.

Adjourned 8pm

Minutes submitted by Debby Pizur