

Friends of Grant Park Meeting Minutes for January 9, 2025

Present: Robert Kempke, Mary Fortier, Debby Pizur, Toby Gardner, Carla Uphill, Deb Sindric, Annemarie Adsen, Barb Johnson, Jan Marsh, Lynn Crawford, Deb Wilhelm, Jerry Connor, Jaelyn Kroetz-Jones, Sam Orlich, Pam Uhrig

Welcome to All!

Security – Officer Rohde reported from mid-Nov. lots of patrols through parks, a welfare check, a couple speeders, homeless person, accident. SMPD patrols through park every night. Dispatch comes out of Oak Creek PD.

Treasurer's Report - Please see attached new budget, if you have an idea or need funds for an ongoing project, please inform Treasurer. Please report any in-kind donation to Treasurer and it will be confidential. A bigger budget helps us look better to funders. Birdfeeder is getting a lot of donations. Discussion about a possible committee to help manage bird feeders. Please pay your annual \$10 membership fee or \$100 lifetime membership and receive a calendar.

National Invasive Species Awareness Week (NISAW), Feb. 24- 28 – Jody will add info on FOGP website and information about invasives will be posted on the FB page daily that week.

SM Spring Market, March 15, 9am-2pm, SMHS, FOGP will have a booth.

7 Bridges Restoration Project – The proposal is posted on fogp.org. Grants are being applied for and discussion is ongoing with Milwaukee County Parks to plan the next steps.

Art Fair- Saturday, July 20, 9am-3pm, Area 5A, many volunteers are needed throughout the day. Contact friendsofgrantpark@gmail.com for more information

A memorial at Warnimont Park is being planned for Sade Robinson who died in April.

Upcoming events –

Indeed Brewing is donating their proceeds to the Park People on Jan. 21 from 2-11pm. You're invited to join parks supporters at 5pm located at 530 S. 2nd Street, Milwaukee

Milwaukee County Parks Community Scientist Open House, Jan. 18, 1-4pm. Wehr Nature Center, RSVP to ParksComSci@milwaukeecountywi.gov if interested in joining a team to monitor animals.

Issue Reporter, to report an issue in the parks such as downed trees, vandalism, illegal trash dumping, etc. go to <https://issues.county.milwaukee.gov/>

Brian Russart, director of natural areas, will give a tour of the Little Menomonee Parkway on Jan. 25 at 9am. Meet at 9071 W. Greentree Rd.

The Park People Facebook sight will feature FOGP on Jan. 16, and other Friends groups each Thursday now thru March.

Respectfully submitted by D. Pizur