

**FRIENDS OF GRANT PARK
MINUTES
Dec 12, 2024**

Attendance: Jody Johnson, Mary Fortier, Carla Uphill, Lynn Meidam, Deb Pizur, Chris Marifke, Susan Gresser, Joanne Adsen, Annemarie Adsen, Deb Sindric, Deb Wilhelm, Jerry Connor, Lynn Crawford, Sam Orlich, Betsy Abert, Pam Uhrig

Security No officers were present this evening. For non-emergency issues, such as recent damage to one of Seven Bridges, can be reported by calling 414-257-7777 or go online at <https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Parks/Contact>

Treasurer’s Report

Cash Boxes, approx.....	\$230.00
Petty Cash held by Lynn Crawford.....	\$255.34
Cash Held by PP, estimate from Sept.....	\$19,744.83
Total.....	\$20,355.17

Reimbursement for Fencing and Trees FoGP member, Rick K, supervises and participates in our fencing and tree planting projects. \$3,000 was budgeted. More trees were planted and additional, sturdier fencing was used because trees have been lost in the past to vandalism and deer. As a result, costs exceeded the amount budgeted. Rick has requested reimbursement for \$889.01 for expenses he has covered. Receipts have been submitted to the Park People. An amount over \$500 requires approval of the membership. Discussion centered on how valuable the work is that Rick K oversees and that trees and fencing are in line with the mission of Friends of Grant Park. A motion to reimburse Rick K for \$889.01 was made by Chris M, seconded by Annemarie A. Motion passed unanimously.

Seven Bridges Restoration Update The 17 page study prepared by Indigo Ecological Design was put on display for review. It can also be found on Friends of Grant Park’s website (fogp.org) and on the Friends of Grant Park Facebook page. A copy can be requested from Betsy A, who will email you the document. Now we are looking to acquire grants totaling \$1.2 million to complete the restoration. Grant proposals have been submitted to federal agencies. Business and government leaders, such as South Milwaukee Mayor Jim Shelenske, County Supervisor Jim Shea, and County Executive David Crowley will also be approached for support.

Park Employees Holiday Gift Jody Johnson collected \$120 for gift certificates from Skyline Catering to be given to park employees who work in Grant Park.

Grant Park Road Repairs Fixing the roads in the park will not occur in 2025 as we had thought. They have been scheduled for 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 to start the Holiday Party and Cookie Exchange at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Crawford