

## **Friends of Grant Park**

Meeting Minutes - December 11, 2025

**Present:** Debby Pizur, Jeff Ziebelman, Anne Schlimgen, Kelly Stewart, Dean Chapman, Betsy Abert, Michael Timm, Carla Uphill, Mary Fortier, Lynn Meidam, Jackie Benka, Julie Johnson, Rhia Johnson, Zac Johnson, Robert and Judy Kempke, Susan Gresser, Chris Marifke, Rob Vajagich, Deb Sindric, Lisa Pushek, Annemarie Adsen, Jody Johnson, Lynn Crawford, Pam Uhrig

**Treasurer's Report** - Please see attached. A generous donation was given by John and Nancy Lange.

Please remember to put in any request for funds for any FOGP programs you will be involved with in 2026.

We have received **2 grants**. One grant is from the Green Bay Packer Foundation in the amount of \$3,500 for program costs. Below is what FOGP is to spend the donation on. If you are responsible for an activity please use the money before the end of the year.

### **Gardens, Flowers & Plants \$300**

Fertilizer/Misc \$50

Total \$350

### **Trek N Treat Pavilion Rental \$100**

Insurance \$200

Educational Materials \$50

Advertising \$50

Treats \$200

Total \$600

### **Suburban Soles**

Signage \$125

Speakers \$100

Printed Materials \$25

Total \$250

### **Art Fair**

Pavilion Rental \$225

Insurance \$300

Signage \$50

Advertising \$150

Total \$725

### **Bird Watching**

Bird Feed 1,400

Feeders \$80

Total \$1,480

**Community Volunteering**

Work Gloves/Insect Spray

\$50 Water & Snacks \$200

Total \$250

**Grand Total** \$3,500

The second grant is from the DNR. FOGP worked with Parks to obtain the grant for money to purchase 70 trees and fencing materials. Parks will lead the planting of the trees and we are to supply volunteers to help do a variety of tasks.

If you have an idea that you want to pursue, bring it up at the January meeting. If the members want to move forward we can see if funds can be found to accomplish your idea.

**Reminder** - FOGP will be at SM Winter Market selling cards, t'shirts, bird houses and calendars.

**Cliff swallow movie and discussion** to be shown at January 8th meeting from 7-8pm. FOGP will reach out to other groups in the area to invite them to view the movie.

Parks to hold **Friends Summit** on Jan 24th from 10am- 5pm at Boerner Botanical Gardens, lunch provided. The day will include panels, breakout sessions, and networking. If you are interested contact Pam at [puhrig@hotmail.com](mailto:puhrig@hotmail.com)

Thank you to **Brian Lorentzen** for carving two heads that needed to be replaced on the brown pavilion in Area 5 and sharing how he did the carving and about Bonsai. Watch for more details about a workshop to learn how to start your own bonsai.

One focus of **fundraising** is for the 7 Bridges ravine restoration project. Inquiries to do a fundraiser on Earth Day 2027 are being sought. A committee to research the idea will be formed at the next meeting.

New donated **Bird Houses** were displayed at the meeting. Contact FOGP if you are interested in purchasing a birdhouse specifically made for wrens or bluebirds.

Lynn C. maintains the **Bluebird trail**. There were 24 bluebirds that fledged last summer in Grant. Some tree swallows nested in the boxes. Bluebirds can nest 3 times in a season

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debby Pizur