

Friends of Grant Park  
Minutes  
January 8, 2026

**Present:** Julia Dekker, Robert Kempke, Judy Kempke, Dave Kowalewski, Chris Marifke, Susan Gresser, Robin Piette, Mary Fortier, Lynn Crawford, Betsy Abert, Anne Schlimgen, Jeff Ziebelman, Tom Katte, Mary Stahl-Katte, Anamarie Adsen, Lisa Pusheck, Carla Uphill, Diane Hoffman, Deb Sindric, Justine Miller, Matt Plummer, Bill Ross, Joe Loomis, Deb Pizur, Michael Timm, Pam Uhrig

**Security:** Office Reynolds-Nothing to report in the park at this time.

**Treasurer Report**

Cash Boxes, approximate	\$534.00
Petty Cash held by Lynn Crawford	\$646.57
Estimated Park People acct, Dec 8	\$25,000.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$26,180.57</b>

If there are items you would like to see included in the 2026 budget, let Lynn C know.

**Bird Houses and Bluebirds**

Dave K was recognized for his craftsmanship in creating the birdhouses for our Grant Park Bluebird Trail and also bluebird and wren houses to be sold for fundraising. David made a suggestion that Bluebird Trail bird houses could have memorial or honor plaques, sold to raise funds. Wren and Bluebird Birdhouses are for sale. They are stored in the clubhouse now and will be for sale at the South Milwaukee Spring Market at South Milwaukee High School, March 14, 9 am - 2 pm

**2026 Calendars** are still for sale. Contact friendsofgrantpark@gmail.com

The **kiosk** in front of Seven Bridges entrance was destroyed by wind. Please provide suggestions on anything you would like to see for the entranceway that would be part of a replacement kiosk project. A committee will be formed to investigate options to replace the kiosk and provide an attractive entranceway.

**Suburban Soles**-seeking volunteers to help schedule speakers for the summer.

Tonight's meeting is shortened so we can present to the public David Busse's documentary, **Beyond Our Senses: Bank Swallows**, which follows the life of bank swallows that live along the shore in our South Shore Parks.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Crawford