

Friends of Grant Park Minutes, 3-12-26, Clubhouse, 6:30pm

Present: Jody Johnson, Zac Johnson, Rhia Johnson, Carla Uphill, Lyn Weber, Dean Schuetz, Karen Schuetz, Lynn Meidam, Crystal Hoecherl, Kim Berry, Julia Dekker, Diane Hoffman, Gary Grahn, Betsy Abert, David Allen, Patrick Hintz, Deb Wilhelm, Jocelyn Kroetz-Jones, Annemarie Adsen, Pam Uhrig

Security: No officers present.

Treasurer's Report: (attached) Art Fair applications are now being accepted. Park People sponsorship is 8% of what we take in. Present total with the Park People is \$29,205.34.

SM Market, March 14, 9am-2pm, SMHS. Volunteers have signed up to sit at the FOGP table. Items being sold: t-shirts, photo cards, bird houses. Flyers will be available listing events for 2026.

Moran's St. Patrick's Day-Saturday, March 14th, festivities will be all day. A Fun Run/Walk will be at 3pm. FOGP is a sponsor.

Fundraising Committee: Rhia reported that the committee is looking at various venues to host the 2027 fundraiser, possibly around Earth Day in April. James Moran is very enthusiastic about having our group use his space. A smaller venue such as Moran's would give us a better idea of what kind of community support we can get before committing to a larger space. Anyone with ideas of companies or individuals that would like to donate for baskets for the silent auction can contact friendsofgrantpark@gmail.com.

2027 Calendar-Theme is Grant Park Favorites. Send your favorite photos taken in Grant Park or at the Mill Pond to friendsofgrantparkcalendar@gmail.com by August 1.

Suburban Soles-Guided walks will start on May 3 with a birding event at 8am at Area 5. Walks are scheduled for every other Sunday morning from May 3 to Aug. 23. If you would like to be a hostess to introduce the speaker and promote FOGP, please contact Deb at d-lpizur@att.net.

Priority Projects-discussion followed the introduction of the 3 projects being considered by FOGP; North arm beach access steps, Seven Bridges Trailhead Redesign, and Erosion on the south facing slope nearest to the lake in the 7 Bridges ravine. Issues discussed include cost and approval by Parks. A description of the projects is attached. Feedback, suggestions and comments are appreciated.

Chinese Elm Bonsai Workshop-Aug. 9th, 9am-noon in Area 5 Pavilion. Fee for tree, pot and supplies is \$60. Register by June 1st. Send name, cell # and email to bryan11lor@gmail.com, or phone 414-354-5253.

Weedout-Spring weedout dates are April 25, May 2,9,16,23 from 9am-noon. Meet at the tennis courts parking lot. Invasives being removed include garlic mustard and dames rocket.

Shakespeare in Grant Park, Sunday, July 26, 1-6pm, grassy area south of the tennis courts parking lot.

Other- Main Beach Clean-up, Saturday, April 18, 9am-noon
FOGP Plant sale at the SM market, May 28, 3-7pm

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Uhrig