

**Friends of Grant Park
Minutes
July 9, 2026**

In attendance: Shannon Wianecki, Deb Pizur, Jody Johnson, Julia Dekker, Mary Fortier, Carla Uphill, Robert Kempke, Judy Kempke, Lynn Crawford, Julie Johnson, Rhia Johnson, Deb Sindric, Diane Hoffman, Jo Rakos, J. Hogden, Betsy Abert, Pam Uhrig

Security - Nothing to report in the park at this time.

Treasurer Report

Cash Boxes, approximate		\$534.00
Petty Cash held by Lynn Crawford		\$629.34
Park People, estimated Feb 1		\$28,300.00
	TOTAL ASSETS	\$29,463.34

Please send Lynn Crawford all receipts for purchases, even if you do not wish to be reimbursed, so that our expenses can be recorded. When writing for grants it is beneficial to show that Friends of Grant Park makes a variety of expenditures that support our mission.

Fundraising Committee - Rhia J is holding monthly fundraising meetings. A draft for the April 22, 2027 Friends of Grant Park fundraiser at Moran's was distributed for comments. Raffle and auction baskets are needed. Rhia J suggested that all members reach out to 5 other people and encourage them to attend the fundraiser.

Other suggestions for promotion include an announcement on the Tri City Bank electronic sign that posts community events, yard signs at the entrance to the park and around the park, and advertising at the golf course. Additional sources of advertising include Moran's; the musical guest, Peter Thomas; and Radio Milwaukee.

Art Fair, July 19, 10-3 pm, Area 5 - All spots are filled. A volunteer list was circulated. Volunteers are asked to park far away, such as at the tennis courts. If you have a fluorescent vest, please wear it while volunteering. QR Codes will be used for purchases.

Sauna - Hot Spell had a sauna business at McKinley Park during the winter and for the summer Wulff Lodge is being rented. A suggestion was made to put Friends of Grant Park information at their location.

Suburban Soles - The next activity is Marvelous Moths on Sunday evening July 12, 8:30 pm to 10 pm at Wulff Lodge fire pit, led by naturalist, Brooke Gilley. South Milwaukee Takes Root, led by historian Nels Monson is on July 26, 10 am, starting at the grassy area near the Grant Park

Clubhouse south parking lot, then walking down to the mouth of the Oak Creek River.
Additional parking is available in the beach parking lot.

August 9, Benefits of Walking with Children in Nature, 10am, Area 5 parking lot.

August 12, Tree-mendous Love for Trees, 10am, Area 5A

Weedouts - Wednesdays and Thursdays for six weeks during the summer Youthworks groups volunteer to remove invasive species, with a focus on burdock. Be aware that Poison Hemlock has been found in the park, especially just south of the bird feeder. Parks is removing it because volunteers should not touch these plants as they are highly toxic. It resembles cow parsnip except the Poison hemlock has purple reddish stems and fern-like leaves.

Traveling Beer Garden at Grant Park - June 17-July 5 - The first night of operation, weather shut down the beer garden, but the remaining nights were well attended.

Shakespeare in the Park- July 26, 1 pm - 6 pm at Area 6. Our earliest information and advertising stated a different location. The performances take place at Area 6. Bring a chair and enjoy the shows. See the schedule on fogp.org

Community Night Out, Aug. 5, 5:30-9:30 pm

Appreciation and Thank you card for Sean Kelly, Grant Park unit coordinator - The card was circulated and those in attendance signed. Friends of Grant Park wishes Sean a Happy Retirement.

Next meeting: Thursday, August 12, 6:30pm, Area 5A pavilion

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Crawford