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Friends of Grant Park, South Milwaukee

Meeting Minutes - August 13, 2026

Present: Lynn Meidam, Mary Fortier, Debby Pizur, Jody Johnson, Lyn Weber, Carl Uphill, Jackie Benka, Julie Johnson, Rick Kaiser, Anne Schlimgen, Julia Dekker, Dean and Karen Schuete, Sue Gresser, Chris Marifke, Betsy Abert, Pam Uhrig

Agenda

Security - A tree hit a bridge in the ravine several weeks ago. A temporary half bridge has been made. A large stroller was under the main bridge but was quickly removed. Mud erodes onto the main bridge after it rains. There are concerns that it is damaging the bridge. Graffiti was found on one of the bridges in the ravine. It was reported online to Parks.

Treasurer's Report - Please see attached

Review of Art Fair and Community Night Out.-

Received more donations and sold more FOGP merchandise at the art fair than in 2025. Stickers were very popular. Total profit \$903. Pete’s Pops was popular. Six artists did not attend due to high level of smoke in the air from fires in Canada. We will be raising the booth fee \$5 for 2027. A huge thank you to all of the artists and volunteers.

The Community Night Out went well. Lots of fliers for Trek ‘n Treat handed out to families.

Upcoming Events:

Suburban Soles - Last walk of the season is on Aug. 23, topic is trees given by the creator of Suburban Soles Brian Morrison. Many thanks to him and all our presenters and volunteer hosts. We are still looking for a volunteer to take over arranging the walks and a person to line up the hosts and be responsible for the donation bag. It has been suggested by Parks to register for one permit that includes all of the Suburban Soles events for 2027.

Beach Clean-Up- NOTE- Revised place as of this meeting. Sept. 19, 9am-noon,Grant Park beach-north of playground to rock wall jetty. This cleanup is done in partnership with the Alliance for the Great Lakes. The trash will be weighed. Please register your participation at [adopt.greatlakes.org](#).

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