

## Friends of Grant Park minutes, July 9, 2009

Recorded by Jody Johnson

6 attendees: Debbie Branger, Mary Kanitz, Lynn Crawford, Don Bulley, Jody Johnson, Rob Vajogich

We began planning for the upcoming July 29th picnic. Debbie Branger, who runs concession sales at the beach in Grant Park, will prepare hot dogs, brats, and veggie dogs. She will bring her Weber grill to the pavilion. (Hamburgers are not an option: she is not licensed to handle raw meat products. However, we could serve Boca veggie Burgers.) Debbie will give us an estimate of her cost, and said she would be able to utilize leftovers at her concession.

*Update as of Friday July 17 - Ms. Branger has regretfully informed FoGP that she is not able to handle "hot food" concessions work for the picnic, due to a scheduling conflict that recently made itself known.*

*Therefore, FoGP will purchase hot dogs & brats, provide the grills, etc.*

The following are bringing:

Rob ..... a fruity dessert of sorts

Debbie ..... Ketchup, mustard, relish, hot dogs, brats, buns, chopped onions

Jody ..... Veggie dogs or veggie burgers(?), cookies

Mary ..... Ramen noodle coleslaw, chips

Lynn..... Baked beans, paper products for 100 (plates, cups, utensils, napkins)

Don L. .... Soda, Iced Tea or lemonade (something with less sugar, NOT diet soda)

*Per update of Friday July 17, Don will be bringing hot dogs, pre-boiled bratwurst, a bang of charcoal, "fire starting" materials, and a grill. Mary Kanitz will make sure that we have a second grill available, should it become needed.*

Our event will be publicized as the Friends of Grant Park Summer Sizzler Cookout. We will post signs at park entrances in advance of event. Flyer drop beginning July 17th at the earliest and including homes adjacent to the park. Lynn, Rob, and Jody will help distribute flyers in the neighborhood. Debbie Branger asked for a handful to put on the concessions counter at the beach. We can also publicize this event at the Evening on the Avenue in South Milwaukee... FoMP will have a table there and Don B. suggested we have flyers and a sign for that event. We should contact Marilyn Geiger or Nancy W. prior to the 23rd.

We are not in agreement about the need for selling tickets in advance. We think people will balk if required to commit when the weather may influence their decision to attend. We suggest payment at the event, and a hand stamp for people who have paid. We are close enough to Pick 'n Save if we need to make a run for more hot dogs. Also, we think it wise to charge \$2.00 for kids under 12.

**Our flyer could read something like this:**

Friends of Grant Park

Summer Sizzler Cookout

Wednesday, July 29th, 5 PM

at Grant Park picnic area #7 (Wil-O-Way entrance)

Rain or shine!

Hot Dogs ~ Brats ~ Veggie Dogs

& fixin's plus potluck style buffet

\$5.00 adults, \$2.00 kids under 12

BRING A DISH (to share) IF YOU WISH.

Call Lynn at 764-7859 or e-mail [tapinada@hotmail.com](mailto:tapinada@hotmail.com) for more information.  
Friends of Grant Park is a non-profit organization... etc.

Our idea was each person would be allowed up to 2 hot dogs, veggie dogs or brats. Additional dogs/brats would be \$1.00 each. Perhaps additional sodas should be extra as well...?

We will have a follow up meeting (for the picnic) on July 23rd at 7 p.m. at Evening on the Avenue, where we will have a publicity table set up.

Next regular meeting is on Thursday August 13th at 7 p.m. at Grant Park clubhouse.