

Minutes from South Loop Dog P.A.C. meeting 4/1/04

Attendees: Kristine, Beth, Mike, Mary, Wendy I, Wendy C., Teri, Emi, Wayne

Treasurer

Wayne has accepted the role of treasurer – thank you! After reviewing our financial picture Wayne has moved the majority of our assets into a higher interest bearing savings account. Each month he will provide us with a financial statement.

Status of Grant Bark Park & CPD

We hope to hear something next week. Stephanie S. will create a press release to be used when the announcement is made.

Spring Benefit & Silent Auction – Friday, May 21, 6:00 pm – 9:00pm at South City Tavern

We have quite a few auction items and will continue to solicit. We can always use extra items for future events. Some of the items we have received: iPod, Steppenwolf tickets, Hubbard Street tickets, autographed sports items, Hard Rock Hotel (1 night's stay), Gioco gift certificate.

We have decided the event will be called – *Summer in the South City – A Benefit for Grant Bark Park*. Tickets will be \$40.00 at the door. We will also have advanced sales via the website. These advance purchase tickets will be sold for \$35.00. Once the ticket is purchased the computer will e-mail the person back with a confirmation. Beth will have the website updated by 4/30/04. This confirmation will be used at the door (we will also have a list of names). We will have several entrance lines – one for cash, one for credit and one for advanced sales. After paying, each person will receive a bracelet that should they have paid (Teri has already gotten the bracelets). This will help us and the bartenders track who has paid admission. This should help eliminate the backup. We will again have nametags that identify us – so people with questions know who to ask. In addition, we will have nametags available for our guests (this was suggested last time).

Everyone agreed we wanted to stay with the same format as the last benefit. This venue can accommodate a larger crowd – so let's all cross our fingers we have 2x as many people! The only entertainment we want is music. We will plan on using the sound system for the tavern. Mary will check on obtaining a microphone from her nephew's band. This should help us with announcements. We also plan to have raffle items and the deck of card jackpot. Does anyone know if we have raffle tickets left?

Emi made a great suggestion about something at the event that shows how much money we have raised. Gail – any news on the bones that we were going to use to show \$\$\$ raised ?

Designing the "look" for Summer in the South City – A Benefit for Grant Bark Park:

Teri works with someone who is an artist and has asked her to help. Gail – what about Debra or Sarah? We could see who comes up with the best idea? The design needs to be completed within the next few weeks. We are planning to send postcard invitations to our mailing list and Jennifer's 60605 mailing list. We would like to have these printed at Kinkos. Teri and Beth can print the address labels. These invites should be mailed around 5/1/04 – this will allow people to plan a few weeks in advance. We will also have flyers to post the week before. Gail – can you use your contact to place an ad in the Journal? Stephanie S. – can you use your press contacts to submit information to radio and t.v.?

Scoop the Poop

Our new date to scoop is Saturday, April 24 from 8:00 am – 11:00 am. We will meet at Grant Bark Park. Wear your green t-shirts. Gail – do we have any extra's? We plan to pick-up in Grant Park, Roosevelt Park, Dearborn Park and the South Loop school area. Mary has mitts and trash bags. Instead of weighing the poop – we will simply measure our success by the number of trash bags we are able to collect. We felt it might have a negative impact to state we collected 50 pounds of poop! Stephanie S. – can you do any press for this one? Gail – this needs to go into the next issue of Fetch. Kristine will coordinate the volunteers. Please e-mail me if you can join in on the fun! I will also contact some of the people that have volunteered in the past.

Printer's Row Book Fair June 5 - 6

We did a quick poll of who could help – Emi, Mary (Sat), Beth and Mike (Beth's b-day is Sat), Teri, Kristine – other's need to check schedules. Gail/Stephanie S. – are we still planning on having a pre-book marking party in April? Is the formal book marking party on 5/26/04 at Pat Miller's? We would also like to sell t-shirts, memberships, bricks and treats (if we have some left). We agreed not to buy any other trinkets to sell.

Dog Washes

Proposed dates: 7/17/04 - location Dearborn fountain?
8/22/04 at Dogone Fun – combine with Bar- B- Q
11:00 am – 3:00 pm
\$15.00

Other Business:

The Chicago Firehouse has offered to help us with our fundraising. Do we want to plan something (maybe a night where a portion of all proceeds of diners that mention the South Loop Dog P.A.C. goes to us)??

The next meeting on Thursday, May 6 will be held at Mary's: 910 S. Michigan Avenue #716