

GRIGNON MANSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 25, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Pennie Thiele at 5:30 PM in the Municipal Services Building Council Chambers



Roll Call

- Present – Pennie Thiele, Bruce Werschem, Shellee Jackels, Carol King, Al Borchardt, Patty DeGoey, Sandy Coenen, Patty Brogan, Gavin Schmitt
- Others in Attendance – Cassidy Mickelson

Review/Approve Minutes from March 28, 2022 Meeting

- Motion by Bruce Werschem to approve prior meeting minutes. Seconded by Sandy Coenen. Motion Unanimously Approved.

Report from the City (Mickelson)

- Grignon Mansion Repairs
 - The contracts for the repair project have been sent to Berglund Construction to be signed.
- Tree Plan Update
 - Stump removal will be done by the City of Kaukauna. Some replanting will be taken care of by City funds.
 - Mickelson hopes to create an interpretive tree plan to implement in the fall. Idea for types of trees are welcome. Deb Nowak from 1000 Islands has been consulted for ideas.
 - Donated trees or trees purchased with donated memorial funds will be signified with plaques.

Report from Friends (DeGoey)

- Friends Finance Report
 - Grant Money Account - Beginning balance of \$20,010.81, ending balance of \$20,015.74
 - Savings Account - Beginning balance of \$100.09, ending balance of \$100.11
 - Original Checking Account - Beginning balance of \$50,634.26, ending balance of \$50,734.31, with total deposits of \$246.76 and total withdrawals of \$145.71. Available non-designated funds \$38,106.70.
 - Nancy Ducharme (direct descendent of Dominic Ducharme) sent an email to Patty stating that she is interested in donating money and ideas for the tree replanting project.
 - Received a check for \$645.00 for participating in the Festival of Lights
- Volunteer Appreciation Pot Luck was well attended.
- May 7th is opening day. The Friends are continuing to plan for upcoming events.

Report from the Chair (Thiele)

- Grignon Mansion Bylaws are in the process of being amended per suggestions from the Board

- Name change from Grignon Home to Grignon Mansion will require an ordinance and will require a motion by the Board requesting that the City move forward with the ordinance.
 - Motion by Bruce Weschem to move forward with this request. Second from Shellee Jackels. Motion Unanimously Approved.
- Do we require a motion to approve changes to other aspects of the bylaws? i.e. meeting times, meeting postings?
 - Mickelson will look into this and report back to the Board.

Other Business

- Mickelson - Report from Canadian National - Augustine Street Railroad Crossing project will hopefully be completed by June 30, 2022.
- Mickelson reported the re-election of the Board Members and Officers
 - Chair - Pennie Thiele, Vice-Chair - Bruce Werschem, Secretary - Shellee Jackels
- Werschem questioned if we would be able to look into getting more modern signage for the entrance down at the Mansion, preferably something lit up/marquee style
 - Mickelson will reach out and inquire with the City
- Werschem aired concern with us attracting more/new volunteers
 - DeGoey stated that we lost a significant amount of volunteers with the COVID shutdown and ongoing concerns regarding the pandemic.
 - People have continued to retreat from volunteering after enjoying their free time without the obligation.
 - Mickelson and DeGoey pointed out that there are so many causes to volunteer for in our area. History is put on a perpetual back burner.
 - Thiele suggested to possibly contact History and/or Drama students at FVTC as potential new candidates.
 - DeGoey pointed out that there are also insurance liability issues with each new volunteer and/or volunteer groups brought in.

Set Next Meeting Date and Location

- Monday, May 23, 2022 at 5:30 in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building.

Adjourn at 6:20 PM

- Motion by Shellee Jackels. Seconded by Sandy Coenen. Motion Unanimously Approved.

