

GRIGNON MANSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 28, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Gavin Schmitt at 5:00 PM in the Municipal Services Building, Hydro View Room.

Roll Call

Present – Al Borchardt, Sandy Coenen, Christina Crook, Gavin Schmitt, Brian Buechel

Absent – Patty Brogan, Pennie Thiele, Bruce Werschem

Others in Attendance – Cassidy Mickelson

Review/Approve Minutes from April 22, 2024 Meeting

- Motion by Buechel to approve meeting minutes. Seconded by Borchardt. Motion unanimously approved.

Report from the City

- Following up on the Health and Recreation Committee's request for background checks for the Civil War re-enactment, Mickelson is waiting on the final word from Attorney Greenwood, but believes the checks can be waived if no minors are involved.
- Mickelson met with Yvonne at Fox Valley Tech concerning a strategic plan for the Mansion. The meeting was well-received and a follow-up will occur with Mickelson, Terri Vosters, a designated board member and a designated Friends member. Mickelson had a similar meeting with Timpano but was less impressed. \$10,000 is earmarked for the study, with an expectation of the cost being less.
- Unlike past years, Culver's will not be sponsoring the Little Chute band on June 12. Friends will look for an alternate source of ice cream.
- Museum entrance fees were raised from \$6 to \$8 for children and adults, \$7 for seniors, and ages 5 and under remaining free. Pricing is still very competitive with regional museums.

Report from Friends

- Income came from school tours, membership renewals and interest from the CD.
- Borchardt reports that Park Charter School also donated a hackberry tree to the grounds.

Report from the Chair

- Due to absence, there was no chair report this month.

Other Business

- Schmitt raised the idea of a "museum passport" or entrance fee reciprocity with regional historic sites. Coenen suggested Hazelwood, another property from Wisconsin's territorial days. Mickelson said overtures had been turned down in the past, but could be brought up again.
- On the topic of cross-promotion, Mickelson pointed out that the Friends will now have a table for Live from Hydro concert series.
- Crook asked if more signage could be arranged, particularly from the highway.

Set Next Meeting Date and Location

- Monday, June 24, 2024 at 5:00 PM in the Hydro View Room was set.

Adjournment

- Motion by Coenen. Seconded by Crook. Motion unanimously approved.