

GRIGNON MANSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 22, 2023

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

Roll Call

Present – Pennie Thiele, Bruce Werschem, Shellee Jackels, Gavin Schmitt, Sandy Coenen, Al Borchardt, Christina Crook
Absent – Patty Brogan
Others in Attendance – Cassidy Mickelson

Review/Approve Minutes from April 24, 2023, Meeting

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

Report from the City

- Grignon Mansion Repairs Update
 - The last of the front porch work began Tuesday, May 16 and should be completed Tuesday, May 23. The only issue that could not be fixed is the bow in the deck of the porch. After looking into several options, the bow was left as is in order to fix the pitch in the porch, otherwise there would be a 3 inch step into the front door which could cause a safety hazard.
- Tree Planting
 - Kaukauna Utilities and WPPI donated 5 sugar maples to be planted on the Mansion grounds.
- Volunteer Work/Projects
 - Alumni from the KHS class of 1971 have been working on the gardens on the Mansion grounds. Spring cleaning and awakening the perennials is underway!
 - Volunteers have been painting and working at the mold mitigation inside the Mansion on the second floor.

Report from Friends

- Financial Reports
 - April 2023
 - Grant Money Account - Beginning balance of \$30,042.15, ending balance \$30,042.15.
 - Checking Account - Beginning balance of \$48,621.45, ending balance \$4,533.14, with total deposits of \$1,005.05 and total withdrawals of \$621.55.
 - Savings account – Beginning balance of \$100.21, ending balance of \$44,436.21.
- Friends Membership packets have been sent out in the mail.
- Upcoming Events
 - Little Chute Community Band Performance June 14
 - 5-6:30 PM Tours
 - 7-8:00 PM Performance
 - Will be having Custard Scoops from Culvers

Report from the Chair

- With events being so actively busy during the summer months, members of the Board, please try to make time to volunteer.

Other Business

- Expansion of buildings on grounds
 - Thoughts regarding seeking out grants for this project.
 - Will have to discuss with Professor Peregrine from Lawrence University regarding where we would be allowed to place any new structures that would not disturb historical dig sites and/or archaeological integrity.
- Grants
 - Brainstorm various projects we can pursue for the Mansion grounds so we have a solid project to dedicate grant proposals and funding to.
- Discussion regarding tours
 - Expansion of the Mansion tours onto the grounds as well and expanding information we offer past just the history of the Grignon Family.
 - In order to make this happen, we would certainly need more people to volunteer consistently.
 - We would also need more signage around the grounds with historical information from around the area and time period of the Grignon Family's presence.
 - We could and should seek out new and old volunteers for new and existing events.

Set Next Meeting Date and Location

- Monday, June 26, 2023, at 5:30 PM in the Hydro View Room.

Adjourn at 6:45 PM

- Motion by Shellee Jackels. Seconded by Bruce Werschem. Motion Unanimously Approved.