

GRIGNON MANSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 22, 2022

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



Roll Call

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

Welcome Others in Attendance

- Welcome new board member, Christina Crook

Review/Approve Minutes from July 25, 2022 Meeting

- Motion by Bruce Werschem to approve prior meeting minutes. Seconded by Patty DeGoey. Motion Unanimously Approved.

Report from the City (Mickelson)

- Grignon Mansion Repairs
 - The majority of the repairs are complete. There are remaining repairs that need attention, including the pitch on the front porch. A punch list of over a dozen items has been compiled for the contractor to complete.
 - Member questioned if there will be a handrail on the front steps
 - Yes - will be using metal that was donated by Bassett Mechanical and will be crafted by our blacksmith.
 - Mickelson is working to address mold issues on the second floor
 - Possible cause could be lack of proper ventilation from when the metal roofing was installed on the Mansion in 2010.
- Lawrence University Archaeological Project
 - Professor Peter Peregrine reached out with interest in conducting more archaeological research on the Grignon Mansion property
 - Looking to discover more evidence of the presence of longhouses in the area and would like to conduct a 2 meter x 6 meter dig at the tree line behind the soccer field. He would like to begin by 09/20/2022.
 - Motion to approve Peter Peregrine's plans pending detail and City Council approval.
 - Motion by Bruce Werschem and seconded by Sandy Coenen. Motion unanimously approved.

Report from Friends (DeGoey)

- Friends Finance Report
 - Grant Money Account - Beginning balance of \$20,020.73, and ending balance of \$20,020.73.
 - Savings Account - Beginning balance of \$100.13, and ending balance of \$100.13

- Original Checking Account - Beginning balance of \$48,578.82, ending balance of \$48,632.46, with \$1,107.73 in total deposits and \$1,054.09 in total withdrawals. Available non-designated funds \$37,497.84.
- Other Issues
 - August events were a huge success and a huge thanks to all who gave their time to volunteer
 - Car Show - Gross profits of \$6,647.15
 - Civil War Living History Demonstration - Gross profits of \$6,487.55
 - Summer tour season ending Labor Day Weekend
 - Prepping for the Native American Dance and Christmas Tours

Report from the Chair (Thiele)

- Grignon Mansion Event Recap
 - Thiele expressed her excitement over the success of the August events.
 - A sidewalk block near the Mansion is cracked
 - Will be addressed with the City to get it repaired

Other Business

- Replanting trees on the Mansion grounds
 - Mickelson will work with the city to begin devising a plan as to when and where trees will be planted.

Set Next Meeting Date and Location

- Monday, September 26, 2022 at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building.

Adjourn at 6:14 PM

- Motion by Al Borchardt. Seconded by Shellee Jackels. Motion Unanimously Approved.

