

GRIGNON MANSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 24, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Pennie Thiele 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, Pennie Thiele, Bruce Werschem

Absent – Patty Brogan

Others in Attendance – Cassidy Mickelson

Review/Approve Minutes from May 28, 2024 Meeting

Motion by Buechel to approve meeting minutes. Seconded by Coenen. Motion unanimously approved.

Report from the City

Board members were referred to Mickelson's staff report, attached to board packet, for overview of the past month.

In addition, Mickelson has been busy onboarding a staffer for Kaukauna Farm Market and working on the new Kaukauna Music Festival set to debut in August.

Board asked if Mickelson was still the mansion's "executive director" now her role has been shifted and expanded. She said she now refers to herself as the mansion's "site manager." (Despite the title change, it would appear Mickelson's role in relation to the board will remain unchanged.)

Report from Friends

Interest is building from the CD. Beyond that, no income or expenses out of the ordinary.

Report from the Chair

Thiele met with Yvonne DeGroot at Fox Valley Tech, following up from an earlier meeting on proposed strategic planning. Terri Vosters (superior of Mickelson) suggested that with the new hierarchy, it may no longer make sense to have a Grignon-specific plan, but rather include it as part of a wider plan that could include a unified vision with 1000 Islands, the Rec Department and other entities. Thiele concurred and strategic plan put on hold.

As a compromise, and to keep the board moving forward, it was decided to create an internal questionnaire of board goals and visions. This is not in place of the wider plan, but rather to unify the input of the board as a stakeholder in any future plan. Buechel raised the point that there is no clear mission statement, which could also be worked out internally.

Questionnaire was distributed to board members, with Schmitt offering to consolidate the results into a report before the August board meeting.

Other Business

A grill was donated and installed by Mike Coenen (husband of board member Coenen).

Mansion has had a perennial woodpecker problem. There is some evidence this persists.

Set Next Meeting Date and Location

Monday, July 22, 2024 at 5:00 PM in the Hydro View Room was set.

Adjournment

Motion by Werschem. Seconded by Coenen. Motion unanimously approved.