

**Grafton Historical Society**  
**Board of Directors/Membership Meeting**

February 9, 2023

3:30 p.m.

Grafton Public Library Upper Level Conference Room

**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Tom Krueger at 3:35 p.m.

**Attendance:** Tom Krueger, Dave Antoine, John Krueger, Jim Wegner, Ann Murray, Nick Schanen and Debbie Krueger.

**II. President Comments:**

1. Tom informed the group that the Grafton Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a quarterly "Ozaukee Network Exchange." John explained that it is a way to let other chamber members know that we exist and that it would be worthwhile for us to attend. It is scheduled for March 1, 11:30-1:15 p.m. John and Tom will represent the GHS.
2. Terry Schoessow inquired whether the society would like to contribute \$15 to fund a listing in the Ozaukee Tourism booklet. Tom is going to obtain more information to find out if the GHS is listed by name.
3. Tom reported the village administrator Jesse Thyges is looking for information on the history of a Grafton flag. Nick stated that he thinks he has some materials. He will check and provide them to Tom.
4. The Ozaukee County Historical Societies' co-op meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Jonathan Clark House.
5. The Ozaukee County Historical Society has posted all their activities for 2023. Debbie will add them to the "Events" section of our website.
6. Bank Five Nine donation photo op – Josh Branham, branch manager at Bank Five Nine in Grafton, attended the meeting for a photo op for the \$1000 donation provided to the GHS by Bank Five Nine.

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes, January 5, 2023.**

Nick moved and John seconded that the minutes be approved. Motion passed.

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

John reported that there has been no financial activity over the last month and that we currently have \$8,315.67 in our checking account. There will be one bill to pay for flyer printing for \$31.65.

**V. Committee Reports**

1. **Membership/New Member Additions:** Ann reported that there has been no activity since the last meeting. She would like to offer a membership event and requested that the group provide some suggestions. It was suggested that the POW presentation on February 16<sup>th</sup> would be a good place to encourage membership. The group then discussed the method that should be used to send out membership renewal information. Some members suggested e-mail and others felt that a letter with a return envelope enclosed would be best. The group agreed that membership materials should go out in March.
2. **IT/Website:** Tom suggested that we post our meeting dates and the OCHS event dates on our website. Debbie reported that she called the high school and spoke with the person in charge of the business department. He was going to pass along the request to the teacher who handles the website creation classes. She has not heard back yet. The group suggested that we keep pursuing a student, perhaps even a college student for additional help. Ann said that she would ask her husband to look at the website also.
3. **PR/Promotions/Communications:** Dave reported that he has done the publicity for the POW event. Fifty flyers have been placed around the area, an article has appeared in both local newspapers and he has contacted the businesses with electronic signs.
4. **Archiving:** Nick reported that he and Jim have updated the library display.
5. **Program Meetings:** Debbie suggested we may want to find a speaker on Lake Michigan shipwrecks for a spring program. Tom also suggested Wisconsin supper clubs. He referenced a book on that topic written by Ron Faiola. He will do some research into speakers on that topic.
6. **Oral Interviews:** The interviews are continuing with Doris Schulteis scheduled to be next.
7. **Newsletter:** The next issue of the newsletter will be sent in mid- February.

## **VI. Old Business**

1. **Update re: expanded archives display at the Grafton Library** – Members of the board have met with Amanda Kloppmann, new Grafton Public Library director. She is willing to work with us, but we may need a written statement to use the cabinets.
2. **Update, if any, re: acquisition of archiving software and hardware** – No discussion.
3. **Update re: future space for GHS meetings and archives** – Tom suggested that we need a team to go out and look at spaces for a possible GHS home. He said that perhaps that team should include an architect. Nick suggested approaching the new owners of the old Grafton State Bank building. Tom and Nick will follow-up. Debbie suggested contacting the Zaun Foundation for support.

## **VII. New Business**

1. **Approve Lifetime Membership for Nick Schanen-** Ann moved and John seconded that the society approve a lifetime membership for Nick. Motion passed.
2. **Request for board members/nominees** – A request for board nominees will be placed in the newsletter. Tom will prepare a slate of officers.
3. **Paramount Blues History** – request for committee members – Tom stated that we need others from our membership to help with this effort.

#### **VIII. Miscellaneous**

The next program meeting is WWII POW Camps in Wisconsin by Lucy Sanna scheduled for February 16, 2023, 6:00 p.m. at the Rose Harms Legion Post.

#### **IX. Next Board Meeting**

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 2 at 3:30 p.m. at Village Hall

#### **X. Adjourn**

Jim moved and Ann seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.