

Grafton Historical Society
Board of Directors/Membership Meeting

May 16, 2023

3:30 p.m.

Grafton Public Library Lower 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, Jim Wegner, Debbie Krueger, Ann Murray and John Krueger. Guest: Darrel Blank

II. President Comments:

1. Tom informed the group that the recent Roy Harms procession and memorial service at Woodlawn Cemetery in Grafton was well done. It was well-attended and very memorable.
2. There is a Local History and Historic Preservation Conference in La Crosse, October 18-20. Tom asked anyone who is interested in attending to let him know.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes, February 9, 2023.

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

IV. Treasurer's Report

John reported that there is \$10,175.63 in our account.

V. Committee Reports

1. **Membership/New Member Additions:** Ann reported that we have a total of 75 members. Of those six are businesses and three are lifetime members. John inquired whether we should mail follow-up notices with invoices to those members who have not yet responded to the membership renewal that went out in April.

Ann said that she would like to organize some type of membership event such as a "Meet and Greet" at a local coffee shop or ale house. Debbie will put a membership "promo" in the newsletter encouraging members to talk to family and friends about joining.
2. **IT/Website:** John told the group that we have to renew our domain but there is no charge because we are a nonprofit. He has added minutes and the recent event poster to the website.
3. **PR/Promotions/Communications:** Publicity for the POW event is complete.

4. **Archiving:** Jim and Nick reported that they are working on the sign to be placed above the cabinets dedicated to the GHS in the Grafton Public Library. There will be a \$112 charge from Digital Edge for the lettering on the sign. The GHS is just waiting for library approval to go ahead with the project.
5. **Program Meetings:** Ron Faiola will speak on Wisconsin Supper Clubs on Thursday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the Legion.
6. **Other Events and Fundraising:** No report.
7. **Oral Interviews:** Jean sent a message that she will be available to conduct more oral interviews on Tuesdays.
8. **Newsletter:** The next issue of the newsletter will be sent in June.

VI. Old Business

1. **Update re: Library/GHS agreement** – Tom reported that Library Director Amanda Kloppmann is concerned about the storage of GHS materials at the library. She is concerned about library liability in case materials are damaged or missing. She would like a formal statement outlining the storage agreement.
2. **Update, if any, re: acquisition of archiving software and hardware** – Jean sent a message to the group that she would be purchasing the laptop and archiving software.
3. **Update re: future space for GHS meetings and archives** – Tom reported that he has spoken with Josh Wisinski, owner of the old Grafton State Bank building. There may be the possibility of a GHS program, held at the bank, detailing the history of the bank and the renovation process. Tom will provide Debbie with information for an article in the newsletter.

VII. New Business

1. **Annual Meeting date and nominations update** – The Annual Meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21, upper level conference room at the library.
2. **Update re: Grafton Historical filing cabinets at library** – Amanda has offered the GHS the vertical file cabinets and their contents currently housed on the first floor of the library.
3. **Grant funding sources and investigations** – No discussion.
4. **Update re: OCHS' "Passport Program."** - Tom has submitted four locations for the Ozaukee County Passport Program. They are: Lime Kilns, Truss bridge, Mississippi Blues Trail marker and the Paramount Plaza.

VIII. Miscellaneous

IX. Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for June 21st, at 6:00 p.m., upper level conference room at the Grafton Library.

X. Adjourn

John moved and Ann seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.