

**Grafton Historical Society**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

March 10, 2026 - 2:30 p.m.

Grafton Library - Lower Level Meeting Room

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Krueger at 2:30 p.m.

**Attendance**

Steve Greger, John Krueger, Tom Krueger, Debbie Krueger, Nick Schanen, Emily Engstrom, Dave Antoine and Phyllis Wiggins.

**II. President's Comments**

**-Cedarburg Ice Cream:** Tom reported that Cedarburg Ice Cream is celebrating 50 years as a family-owned business.

**-Archives Storage Option at 1522 Wisconsin Avenue:** Tom told the group that a "new and used" book store owned by GHS member James Cornelius and his wife will be occupying this space. The grand opening is planned for March 20.

**-Library Display Case:** The group thanked Nick and Tom for the great job they did on putting together the GHS display in the library case for February.

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes, January 13, 2026**

Dave moved and Nick seconded that the minutes be approved as corrections. Motion carried.

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

John reported that the checking account total is \$20,574.00.

**V. Committee Reports**

**1. Membership:** John reported that we currently have 94 members. It was suggested that we make a pitch for new members at our program meetings.

**2. IT/Website:** Tom said that he is working with Jenny Bublitz to put more program information on the website, including pictures. Debbie will send him the newsletters from 2025-26 to be linked on the website.

**3. PR/Communications:** Dave asked that board members remember to use Facebook to share the GHS posts. He said that we have 109 followers and he is hoping to increase that number.

**4. Archiving and Research Requests:** No report.

**5. Program Meetings:** A program on *Opening Day in Milwaukee* is set for March 12<sup>th</sup>. A program featuring *100 Heroes Who Changed the State* is scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**6. Other Events and Fundraising:** No report.

**7. Oral Interviews:** Nick said he is not currently working on any oral interviews but does have some future interviews planned.

**8. Newsletter:** Debbie told the group that the next issue of the newsletter will come out in June.

**9. Scenes from the Past:** Tom submitted a picture of Blind Lemon Jefferson to the News Graphic to commemorate Black History Month.

## **VI. Old Business**

- 1. Update re: Implementation of Past Perfect software:** No report.
- 2. Update re: fundraising avenues/options:** No report.
- 3. Update re: future museum and rental agreement status:** Tom reported that the rental agreement for the archive storage space has been signed. The cost is \$100 for the first month and \$200 per month for subsequent months. There is a proviso in the lease that if the renter is able to get a higher price for the space, the GHS would have to vacate that space.
- 4. Update: Grafton Chair Factory painting display:** Tom has obtained insurance for the Chair Factory painting and will again contact the A.M. Coffee owner regarding displaying the painting in the coffee shop. Debbie provided a framed explanation of the painting, as requested by the owner.

## **VII. New Business**

- 1. Programs Donation by Bank Five Nine:** We accepted a \$250 donation from Bank Five Nine for programming costs. Dave noted that the donation amount was lower than in previous years and the bank representative noted that we do not do our banking with them. Bank Five Nine has donated a total of \$3,250 to the GHS. Board members discussed switching our account to Bank Five Nine. No decision was made and the issue was tabled until the end of May.
- 2. Paramount Walking Tour booklet – a historical resource worth talking about; booklet update:** No update.
- 3. Spirit Rock plaque design –** Tom will contact Rick Gonzalez to work on getting the Spirit Rock plaque completed.
- 4. Research requests –** a.) Power Products history prior to 1956; b.) history/controversy re: naming of the U.S.S. Liberty Memorial Library; c.) history of River Park and German Bund camp – No report.
- 5. Update re: archives storage agreement –** See report at VI 3 above.
- 6. Application for WHS Mini-grant, due 3/31/26.** Tom told the group that the annual mini-grant for archiving is again available from the Wisconsin Historical Society. Tom will put together a proposal for the grant. Emily will supply Tom with the information on our archiving needs. It was suggested that we need special archiving paper, boxes and furniture.

**VII. Miscellaneous:**

None

**IX. Next Board Meeting**

The next board meeting is the GHS annual meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Location and time to be determined.

**X. Adjourn**

Jim moved and John seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Following the meeting, Nick gave the group a tour of the new archive storage space in the Timothy Wooden building. Board members thanked Nick for the many hours he has spent organizing the GHS archive materials.