

**Grafton Historical Society  
Board of Directors Meeting**

April 14, 2026

3:25 p.m.

Grafton Library

Upper Level Meeting Room

**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Krueger at 3:25 p.m.

**Attendance**

Steve Greger, John Krueger, Tom Krueger, Debbie Krueger, Nick Schanen, Darrel Blank, Dave Antoine, Jim Wegner and Phyllis Wiggins.

**II. President's Comments**

**-Board Members "welcome" and "thank you":** Tom thanked board members for their continued efforts for the GHS.

**-Historic Chair Factory Painting now on display at AM Coffee:**

Tom told the group that the chair factory painting is now on display at A.M. Coffee in Grafton. There is an agreement in place for the painting to be displayed there for six months. Board members suggested that the GHS should ask to rotate more GHS displays into that spot, such as pictures of Paramount Blues artists.

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes, March 10, 2026**

Jim moved and Nick seconded that the minutes be approved.  
Motion carried.

#### **IV. Treasurer's Report**

John reported that the checking account total is \$20,460.00.

#### **V. Committee Reports**

**1. Membership:** Debbie reported that the GHS has 37 lifetime members and 41 regular members. She added that there are a fair number of members who have not responded to the initial renewal request. Board members agreed that she should send out a second renewal request.

**2. IT/Website:** Tom said that the website is a work in progress. He is organizing the efforts to improve it and soon there will be a front page "banner" announcing programs and meetings. A method to donate online will also be added. John said that currently if a person orders a book online, there is no address provided for delivery of the book. John added that buyers should also get an automatic receipt and a "thank you." Regarding donations, board members suggested that a list of donors be published in the newsletter.

**3. PR/Communications:** Dave reported that we now have 120 Facebook followers. He encouraged members to "like and share" GHS posts. He also said that the GHS is scheduled to participate in the Grafton Chamber of Commerce Muffins and Members in January or February. He will begin distributing flyers for the June 4 program in early May.

**Archiving and Research Requests:** Nick reported that the society has received a donation of antique tools from Dave Antoine. It has also obtained an aerial picture from 1964 of Grafton and Cedarburg from the Ahler's farm.

**5. Program Meetings:** A program on "Wisconsin Idols" is set for June 4th. A program featuring a talk on the "Edmund Fitzgerald" is set for September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**6. Other Events and Fundraising:** Tom told board members that he has been given the name of a D.J. who specializes in Blues music. The A.M. Coffee shop owner suggested that the D.J. could present a program of Blues at the coffee shop for the GHS. Donations could be requested. Debbie suggested that we approach Culver's Restaurant in Grafton to participate in their "Give Back" program for nonprofits.

**7. Oral Interviews:** Nick said the next oral interview is scheduled with Arlene Kaul.

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

**8. Scenes from the Past:** Tom submitted a picture of the 1899 Fire Department picnic for the April 23 edition of the News Graphic.

## **VII. New Business**

- 1. Paramount Walking Tour booklet –booklet update:** Tom said he is waiting for a deadline for changes from the Chamber.
- 2. Spirit Rock plaque design –** Tom reported that there is now a draft narrative for the plaque. He is waiting for a cost proposal.
- 3. Research requests –** Tom said that the society has received one new information request in the past month. He asked that if members pass along requests, they obtain a telephone number so he can respond.
- 4. Update re: archives storage agreement –** The storage agreement is in place and the security deposit and rental fees have been paid to-date. Nick reported that he has been putting in lots of hours in the storage room and that materials are becoming very organized.

**5. Application for WHS Mini-grant, due 3/31/26.** Tom told the group that the grant application was not completed in time but there is a second mini-grant available for archiving needs. The deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **VIII. Old Business**

**1.Update re: Implementation of Past Perfect software:** No report.

**2.Update re: fundraising avenues/options:** No report.

**3.Future Museum and Rental Agreement Status:** No report.

**IX. Miscellaneous:** No discussion.

**X. Next Board Meeting:** The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Location to be determined.

#### **XI. Adjourn**

Nick moved and Jim seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.