

**Grafton Historical Society
Board of Directors Meeting**

May 19, 2026

3:00 p.m.

Grafton Library

Lower Meeting Room

Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Krueger at 3:05 p.m.

Attendance

John Krueger, Tom Krueger, Debbie Krueger, Nick Schanen, and Jim Wegner

II. President's Comments

-Wisconsin Humanities Mini-grant: Tom reported to board members that there wasn't sufficient time to submit a request for this year's Wisconsin Humanities mini-grant.

-Board picture: Tom would like a picture of the entire board for the home page of the website. Individual pictures would also be a possibility.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes, April 14, 2026

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

IV. Treasurer's Report

John reported that the checking account total is \$20,119.00.

V. Committee Reports

1. Membership: Debbie reported that there are no new members since the April meeting report.

2. IT/Website: Tom said that the cost of maintaining the website will probably be approximately \$75 per month. He explained that Jenny is reorganizing the website with a banner that includes information on upcoming events. He added that the website has to be updated with a “donate” button and set up with a Zeffy account. It was also suggested that there be a “donate” button on the GHS Facebook page.

3. PR/Communications: No report.

4. Archiving and Research Requests: Nick reported that the society has received several donations this month. The door from Michael’s photography studio is also now in the archives space.

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 10th. It was suggested that members look into the possibility of a talk on “Forts of Wisconsin.”

6. Other Events and Fundraising: No report.

7. Oral Interviews: Nick said the oral interview with Arlene Kaul was completed and she provided a great deal of interesting history of Grafton.

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

8. Scenes from the Past: No report.

VI. New Business

1. Research requests- Nick reported that he handled a research request from Marianne Platz, great-granddaughter of John Larsen and Catherine Schmidt Larsen. They had requested history on the Grafton Flour Mill.

2. Approve GHS Lifetime Memberships for Norm Peterson and Richard Kranitz. Nick moved and Jim seconded that a Lifetime membership be

given to Norm Peterson and Richard Kranitz. Motion approved. It was decided that an official certificate will be printed and presented to Mr. Peterson at the celebration of his 50th year in business.

3. Seth Antiques contact – Seth Antiques contacted the society and offered to donate sketches by Don Henning. It was felt that this is a possible fundraising opportunity. Tom is waiting for him to call back with details.

4. Discuss options for GHS use of Bank Five Nine – Jim moved that John transfer \$15,000 from the GHS checking account to a money market account at Bank Five Nine. Nick seconded. Motion approved.

5. Discuss board member appointment to replace Darrel Blank- board members discussed possible replacements for Darrel on the board. Debbie suggested that the GHS look into the possibility of forming an advisory board for the society. Tom noted that he will do some research on the Kellner Foundation.

VII. Old Business

- 1. Paramount Walking Tour booklet –booklet update:** Tom will contact the Grafton Chamber of Commerce for a deadline date to submit the information.
- 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. AM Coffee/Randy Ahl updates re: GHS activities proposed** – Tom will contact Randy Ahl about the possibility of more GHS displays at the coffee shop. He will also check on possible music programs there and what the DJ would charge.
- 4. Implementation of Past Perfect Software** – No report.

5. Fundraising avenues/options – No report.

VIII. Miscellaneous: No discussion.

IX. Next Board Meeting: The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23rd. Time and location to be determined.

X. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.