

**Grafton Historical Society
Board of Directors Meeting**

June 25, 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

Nick Schanen, Steve Greger, John Krueger, Tom Krueger, Jim Wegner, Phyllis Wiggins, Jim Miller, Debbie Krueger

II. President's Comments

Board Photos – Tom would like individual photos of board members to post on the website, with brief biographies.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes, May 19, 2026

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

IV. Treasurer's Report

John reported that the checking account total is \$4,453.00. He explained that \$15,000 has been moved to a money market account at Bank Five Nine.

V. Committee Reports

1. Membership: No report.

2. IT/Website: Tom reported that the website updates have been completed. Some images are needed for the “Archives” section of the website.

3. PR/Communications: No report.

4. Archiving and Research Requests: No report.

5. Program Meetings: A program featuring a talk on the “Edmund Fitzgerald” is set for September 10th. Debbie told members that she had a possible contact for a speaker on the German Bund in America and specifically, Grafton. She asked the board if they would want to pursue the speaker. They agreed that the GHS should go ahead with this type of program. Debbie will contact the speaker.

6. Other Events and Fundraising: Tom showed examples of other historical societies’ fundraising efforts. He added that the rental space on Wisconsin Avenue has now been rented. Steve commented that the society should be looking for a building with historical significance.

7. Oral Interviews: Nick reported that there are no oral interviews scheduled at this time.

Newsletter: Debbie reported that the June newsletter has been sent out.

8. Scenes from the Past: Tom said that he will be submitting an image of the old fire station in Grafton. He is looking for the date of construction of the Fire Tower.

VI. Old and New Business

1. Board member appointment to replace Darrel Blank: Jim W. moved and Phyllis seconded that Jim Miller be accepted to the GHS board to fill the vacancy left by Darrel Blank. Motion carried.

2. Research requests- Bill Emery requested historical photos and information on the Grafton Fire Department. Jim W. will

assist in looking for photos. Bill Hass requested information on the structure that formerly was located on Mill Pond. Nick will handle this request.

3. News re: museum space – 1930 property. See report at V.6.

4. Discuss potential program by David Watkins DJ – Tom explained that a Blues program by David Watkins is available to the GHS. The cost would be approximately \$350 plus lodging expenses. It was suggested that the program be held in February, 2027 to commemorate Black History Month. Phyllis suggested that a “Fried Chicken and Waffles” event could accompany the performance.

5. Update – GHS Lifetime Memberships for Norm Petersen and Richard Kranitz – It was decided that the GHS would prepare a lifetime membership certificate for Norm Petersen and present it to him at the 50th anniversary celebration of ‘Norm Petersen Cabinets’ being in business (1976-2026) on June 27th.

6. Update re: Seth Antiques Donation of Don Henning artwork- Nick reported that there are currently several pieces of Don Henning artwork in storage. They may be given to the GHS free of charge.

7. Update if any re: GHS use of Bank Five Nine – See report at IV.

8. Update re: Spirit Rock plaque design – Tom said that he will be provided with the text for the plaque. The plaque itself could cost between \$500 and \$5000. It was suggested that he look at bronze plaques and get an estimate from Milwaukee Sign Company in Sussex. Tom will speak with the Parks and Rec department to determine if they will install the plaque. Nick suggested that railroad ties be placed around the rock to help protect it.

9. Update re: “Share Night” fundraiser with Grafton Culver’s – John reported that he has spoken to the Grafton Culver’s owner and that he is very interested in supporting the GHS. An Images

book has been gifted to him. He has offered the Share Night for the entire week of the Grand Opening for the new Culver's restaurant. Tom will also follow up.

VII. Miscellaneous: No discussion.

VIII. Next Board Meeting: The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 28th at 3:00 p.m. Time and location to be determined.

X. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.