

Minutes of the Grignon Mansion Board
October 2015

- I. Standing Business
 - a. Roll Call:
 - i. Members Present: Mark Abel (Chair), Genevieve Gara, Lin Collins, Al Borchardt, Richard Pauls, Mary Vander Sanden, Judy Verhagen
 - ii. Members Absent: John Brogan, Bruce Werschem
 - iii. Others Present: Bob Jakel
 - b. Call to Order: Chair, Mark Abel, called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.
 - c. Approval of Prior Minutes:
 - i. Ms. Collins made a motion to approve the September Minutes, Mr. Pauls seconded it, motion carried unanimously.
 - d. Administrative and Finance Committee Report – John Brogan
 - i. Mr. Brogan was absent; the Board raised the question of Cops Construction having been paid, Mr. Abel confirmed that the City has taken care of it.
 - ii. The Board wanted to confirm that \$300 from the costume fund had been transferred to the Friends; Mr. Brogan will oversee that when he returns. Ms. Collins moved to approve, Mr. Pauls seconded it and it carried unanimously.
 - e. Friends Statement of Income – Bruce Werschem
 - i. Mr. Werschem was absent, report shelved for November meeting.
 - f. Moving Forward with the Mansion Board and the Friends of the Grignon Resolution – All
 - i. Mr. Brogan and Mr. Werschem were absent, the approval of the Resolution was shelved for the November meeting.
 - ii. Mr. Werschem had previously raised the question of changing part of the Resolution regarding the Friends asking permission for spending from the Board on certain financial matters. A discussion was had and Ms. Collins made the motion to not change the Resolution, Ms. Vander Sanden seconded it, the motion passed unanimously.
 - g. City of Kaukauna Update – Bob Jakel
 - i. Mr. Jakel announced that there will be an indoor Farmers' Market during the winter.
 - ii. The Fox Wisconsin Heritage Parkway will be reenacting the fur trade next year and would potentially like to display some old canoes.
 - h. Education and Events – Al Borchardt & Judy Verhagen
 - i. Four classes of Fourth Grade children will be touring the Mansion; Second Grade classes from Appleton will be touring the Mansion in November.
 - ii. Ms. Verhagen requested to be removed from the Education and Events Committee on the grounds that Mr. Borchardt handles everything very well.
 - iii. Ms. Vander Sanden provided a recap of the Fall Fest: it went very well, over 200 people attended; it might, however, be a good idea to change the date as it was very cold.
 - i. Building and Grounds Committee Report – Richard Pauls
 - i. There has been no new news from Dave regarding the endowment plans.
 - ii. The grounds are ready for winter.
 - iii. No damage to the house has been reported from the quarry blasts that happened over the summer.

- iv. Mr. Borchardt raised the concern that carbon erosion is causing black to seep through parts of the paint on the interior walls again. They might need to be repainted soon.
- v. Someone brought up the idea to Mr. Pauls that it might be a good idea to pour a concrete floor in the blacksmith shop; however, the Board did not like this idea as it takes away much of the authenticity and provides no great benefit.
- j. Volunteer Progress Report – Al Borchardt
 - i. In the past three months there has been a total of 1,779 volunteer hours. Please keep in mind that this is on the low side because not everyone remembers to log their hours.
- k. Meeting with A-Mazing Events and Peter Peregrine – John Brogan
 - i. Mr. Brogan was absent, report shelved until the November meeting.
- l. Email Correspondance
 - i. The only email was from Mr. Werschem regarding the potential change in the Resolution on asking permission for some financial matters.
- m. Next Meeting
 - i. November 23rd, 5 p.m. at Abel

II. Old Business

- a. Ms. Collins researched the street name issue and the City is currently polling the residents living there. If the issue wins in the poll it moves on to the Planning Commission. A paragraph in *Kaukauna: Glimpses of Its History* provides proof for the name change. Ms. Collins will provide a further update at the November meeting.

III. New Business:

- a. Civil War Reenactors approached Mr. Jakel to see if horses would be allowed on the Mansion grounds. Nothing has been formally proposed to the Board about that yet.
- b. Mr. Borchardt and the Friends will be looking into the possibility of having a vintage baseball game played at the Mansion.
- c. Meeting adjourned
 - i. Ms. Collins made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Vander Sanden seconded it motion carried unanimously.