

GRIGNON MANSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 18, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Gavin Schmitt, at 4:30 p.m. in the Municipal Services Building, Hydro View Room.

Roll Call

Present – Gavin Schmitt, Christina Crook, Lyle Hansen, Brian Schuh, Pennie Thiele

Absent –Brian Buechel, Bruce Werschem

Others in Attendance – Allison Engels

Public Appearances- Mary Grogan-Seleen- Friends Group

Review/Approve Minutes from April 25, 2026 Meeting

Thiele requests her first name is changed from Pattie to Pennie.

With the change, Motion to approve Minutes, Thiele moves, Schuh seconds, Minutes approved.

Report from the City

Engels updates the Board as to state of restorations at the Grignon due to the water damage. The city received the estimate and contact was made regarding cleaning up the floors and epoxy floor replacement. The stage/demonstration area was removed by the Streets Crew; carpet will be removed and still waiting on date for the removal.

Engels will do the school tour towards the end of May and believes the Grignon looks good to still open the 2nd weekend in June.

Friends will be paying to have some of the burglary and smoke detector sensors replaced in May with a cost of \$1,225. Tech Security is the company working on this.

Report from Friends

Grogan-Seleen indicated that a large donation/gift was received in the amount of \$50,000. Discussions of what to use the funds towards included the mold issues in the 2nd floor rooms, temperature-controlled display cabinets, etc.

Grogan-Seleen indicated that the May clean-up weekend is postponed due to the restorations. A run through of events including the 6-13-2026 American Legion Flag

Day Program/Opening of the Grignon, the Little Chute Band with Culvers event and indicated that the upcoming August car show event planning and sponsorship requests are underway.

Reminder that there will be no Civil War event this summer.

Lost Arts event planning is getting wrapped up.

July 26, 2026 time capsule reveal/opening at the Grignon- discussion of making this an event with possible food trucks, etc. Agreed to locate and open the time capsule prior to event to ensure that it could be found and items were still in it. Schmitt indicated there are approximately 150 items that should be in the time capsule. Discussion of a possible grant to cover media, etc. for an event surrounding the time capsule opening.

Christmas Tours-not much planning for these at this time.

Schuh discusses what is kept at Outagamie County Historical Society from the Grignon and whether or not we could obtain some of these items. Schuh indicated a catalog should be completed of what they have. It was decided that we should first review notes of the original transaction to determine any provisions listed about retaining artifacts or obtaining them.

Report from the Chair

Schmitt provided handouts of items, docs, etc. that are stored on the 3rd floor of the Grignon.

Other Business

N/A

Set Next Meeting Date and Location

Monday, June 15, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Schuh, seconded by Hansen. Motion unanimously approved, with meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.