



## **Platteville Museum Board Minutes**

November 19, 2025

**Board/Friends Members Present:** Garrett Jones, Dick Davies, Deb Jenny, Gene Tesdahl, Larry Bowden, Stephen Badger

**Others Present:** Director Cody Grabhorn

**Call to order** at 4:45 by Dick Davies

**Minutes** of the October 2025 Museum Board meeting approved (as amended) on motion by Deb Jenny, seconded by Larry Bowden.

### **Collections Monthly Report**

- Director Cody Grabhorn provided an update on collections cataloging and care.
  - Facilities Tech Larsen and Collections Manager Grev have continued redressing the miner mannequins with the new period clothing we received funding for from the Platteville Community Fund.
- Museum staff recommended accessioning a triumph corn planter (donated by Louis Jean Kamps). The Board accepted this recommendation on motion by Gene Tesdahl, seconded by Garrett Jones.

### **Director's Monthly Report**

- Director Cody Grabhorn provided an update on museums attendance, programming, operations and grounds, as well as a progress report on the Strategic Plan.
  - Museum staff began promoting the Winter Speaker Series. Tickets are now on sale.
  - Museum staff held numerous programs throughout the month including a Wisconsin Science Festival event with Rountree Gallery and had 17 participants, Sweet Treats which attracted 190 visitors, and Haunted Mine Tours which attracted 89 visitors.
  - Museum staff are now organizing and getting ready to promote a new "Museum After Dark" event for January 23rd. This will be a social event at the museum with an educational twist.
- The Board discussed a city proposal to classify the Museums as a special revenue fund. Because Board members were unclear about how this might financially affect the museums in the future, the Board voted to have President Davies to draft a letter to city administration requesting clarification on the impacts of this shift in accounting. The Board unanimously supported this request on motion from Deb Jenny, second from Gene Tesdahl.

### **Friends of the Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums Report**

- Deb Jenny shared an update on the Friends Board.
  - The Friends are preparing for the Miner's Ball and the mini golf in the museum event. They are also working on the next newsletter and reaching out to possible sponsors.

**Adjournment** at 5:40 p.m. on motion by Deb Jenny, second from Larry Bowden.

Submitted by Garrett Jones, Board Secretary