



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