



Platteville Museum Board Minutes

December 17, 2025

Board/Friends Members Present: Garrett Jones, Dick Davies, Deb Jenny, Gene Tesdahl, Joanne Wilson, Stephen Badger

Others Present: Cody Grabhorn, Christina Grev

Call to order at 4:45 by Dick Davies

Minutes of the December 2025 Museum Board meeting approved on motion by Gene Tesdahl, seconded by Stephen Badger.

Collections Monthly Report

- Christina Grev provided an update on collections cataloging and care, as well as an overview of recent and future field trips and education programming.
- Museum collections specialist Christina Grev shared information related to the proposed donation of a player piano to the Museums. The Museums currently own eight pianos, including player pianos, and this proposed additional piano would need to be restored. The Board voted not to accession this piano 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.
 - Staff are planning for the first Museum After Dark event on January 23.
 - Director Grabhorn is in the process of submitting a window replacement plan to the State Historic Preservation Office.
 - Museum staff continue work on relocating items from the attic to the Rock School. A current estimate is that 12% of the items have been moved; once 50% of items are removed, the attic can be insulated.
 - Director Grabhorn has applied for a grant from Wisconsin Public Television, which would support the Museums in potentially hosting a community conversation.
- Director Grabhorn shared the current regional marketing strategy. The Board discussed possible publications and surrounding markets to focus 2026 marketing efforts.
- Director Grabhorn and Friends representative Deb Jenny updated the Board on a staffing dilemma. The Board discussed how we can both (1) secure a current staff member whose benefits are currently financially supported by the Friends and (2) hire a communications assistant (a currently vacant).

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 (February 21) and the mini golf in the museum event. Planning has also started for a fall harvest festival (previously Mine Day).

New Business

- Director Grabhorn provided an update on the city manager transition plan. The interim city manager starts this week; hiring a permanent replacement is expected to take approximately 3-4 months.

Adjournment at 5:42 p.m. on motion by Garrett Jones, second from Stephen Badger.

Submitted by Garrett Jones, Board Secretary