

Evansville Grove Society, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2025
Historic Baker Building

- I. Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by Kris Thome
- II. Members present: Marcia Kremer, Kris Thome, Arthur McEvoy, Jill Whitmore-Bradley, Leah Hurtley
Absent: Dan Stephans
- III. Motion to approve May 20, 2025 minutes was made by Arthur. Seconded by Marcia. Motion passed.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** –
 - a. Marcia presented bank account balances as of June 17, 2025: Checking \$10,273.85 - MM \$8,213.79 -- PayPal account \$123.97 -- CD \$10,661.42.
- V. **Correspondence / Donations**
 - a. **Rock County Historical Society (RCHS) Annual Payment Update** – the Rock County Board asked for additional information to justify continuing payments to historical societies, etc. The request came with short notice and Kris could not respond in time. We are waiting to hear on the Board's decision.
 - b. **Donations**–
 - i. Don & Vickie Zhe – Porcelain Doll made by former Evansville resident Shirley Fisher
 - ii. Joe & Bobbie Bradley – Two chairs from the Roderick Funeral Home @ 39 N. First Street
 - iii. Ruth Ann Montgomery -EHS yearbooks from late 1920s – early 1930's and Heffel Auto Sales tag
 - iv. Tim Magee – Fall-Out Shelter sign used at City Hall
 - v. Renee Meichtry – Centennial Plate and Grange Store Centennial 1974-1974All items were approved for
- VI. **Membership Committee Report** – Deferred
- VII. **Old Business**
 - a. **Hail Damage** – We received \$7,259.29 from State Farm, which is less than the repair estimate provided by Total Exteriors (TE). Dan is working with TE to submit additional paperwork to State Farm to attempt to receive additional funds. A deposit of \$2,153 was made to TE. Work will commence after the July 4th holiday.
 - b. **ECP Lease Renewal** – The lease with ECP expired June 1, 2025. Kris will meet with Atty. Wally Shannon to draft a new lease.
 - c. **EGS Telephone** – Deferred to July.
 - d. **Pump Project Report** – Deferred to July. Leah recommended contacting Nick Bubolz with Town & Country Engineering to see if the upcoming DOT project will affect our proposed pump installation on the east lawn. Kris will contact Nick.
 - e. **Website** –
 - i. **Weebly** – our contract with Weebly has been canceled. They do not refund pro-rated payments two months after the renewal date. Instead, a credit of \$162.58 has been applied to our account and can be used for future services.

- ii. **PayPal** – PayPal is no longer responding to our emails. Our account remains locked until October 2025 when they will send us the balance in our account. We will not pursue working with them in the future.
- f. **Clio** – Report Deferred.
- g. **Antes Cabin Re-paint** – State Farm did not include any funds to repaint the cabin in its settlement. Leah, Jill, and Kris will work on this project as time and weather permits. A \$500 budget to repaint the cabin was approved earlier this year.
- h. **Docent Schedule** – Kris shared the docent schedule with the group. An updated version will be sent after today’s meeting.
- i. **Landscaping** – Quality Landscaping donated two yards of mulch for the Baker Building.

VIII. **New Business**

- a. **Historic Home Tour** – Chris Eager contacted EGS to inquire about restarting the Historic Home Tour. He has three confirmed and two possible homeowners who want to participate. After much discussion, the board agreed to participate, but wants to wait until May 2026 to allow adequate time for planning. Kris will notify Chris of our decision.
- b. **History in the Park** – Scheduled for Sunday, August 24th. Topic is the history of Varco-Pruden. A planning committee was briefly discussed, but not confirmed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Next meeting: July 15, 2025 – Historic Baker Building @ 5:30pm