

Evansville Grove Society, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2025
Historic Baker Building

- I. Meeting called to order at 5:37pm by Kris Thome
- II. Members present: Dan Stephans, Marcia Kremer, Kris Thome, Arthur McEvoy
Absent: Leah Hurtley, Jill Whitmore-Bradley
- III. Motion to approve June 17, 2025 minutes was made by Marcia. Seconded by Art. Dan abstained from vote. Motion passed.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** –
 - a. Marcia presented Q2 financial reports. ECP paid \$900 in back rent for April – June 2025. John & Janet Bly have become members and donated an additional \$300 to be used for building improvements. Cash donations made at the museum total \$45. Bank account balances as of July 15, 2025: Checking \$8,730.52 -- MM \$8,216.58 -- PayPal account \$123.97 -- CD \$10,744.46.
Motion to approve financial statements was made by Dan. Seconded by Art. Motion passed.
- V. **Correspondence / Donations**
 - a. **Rock County Historical Society (RCHS) Annual Payment Update** – Kris provided RCHS with a written report on how EGS used community initiative funds in 2024. This information along with other non-profit groups will be presented to the Rock County Board to justify ongoing financial support.
 - b. **Donations**–
 - i. Brian Fick – Dr. J.M. Evans medical bag, medical box, velvet top hat, and bowler hat. Several Patrons of Husbandry and Waucoma Grange items – all were approved by the board via email on June 30, 2025.
- VI. **Membership Committee Report** – Deferred
- VII. **Old Business**
 - a. **Hail Damage** – We received an estimate for \$28,095 from Albert J. Wagner & Son to repair the damaged crown molding. It was sent to State Farm on July 2nd – to date there has been no response from them. No date has been set to replace the roof on the Baker Building or Antes Cabin.
 - b. **ECP Lease Renewal** – Kris has an upcoming meeting at Jim Brooks's request, to discuss continuation of the lease with ECP. Atty. Shannon has been asked to stop work on lease revisions until we learn what ECP wants to do.
 - c. **EGS Telephone** – EGS's existing flip phone will work with a US Cellular plan. Kris received an estimate for 2-phone line plan plus internet connectivity should ECP decide to cancel their lease with EGS. We will delay deciding on this until after meeting with ECP.
 - d. **Pump Project Report** – The board agreed to place the pump project on hold until funding for roof repairs is finalized and we know whether we need to pay from our own funds.
 - e. **Historic Home Tour** – Chris Eager was notified of our decision to coordinate the historic home tour, but not until Spring 2026.

- f. **Antes Cabin Re-paint** – Scraping is underway. We plan to finish ½ of the cabin before winter.
- g. **Docent Schedule** – There are still open days on the schedule. Board members are encouraged to help cover this responsibility.
- h. **History in the Park Planning** – Advertising has commenced on Facebook and posters at local businesses. Art will prepare an article for the Evansville Examiner. A planning meeting will be held in August.

VIII. **New Business**

- a. **Theodore Robinson Presentation – Badger Talks – October 11, 2025** – Kris made a motion to approve \$189 to rent space at Creekside Place for the Robinson lecture. Seconded by Art. Motion approved. Janine Yorimoto Boldt, Associate Curator of American Art at the Chazen Museum will present.
- b. **Ye Olde Fashioned Christmas** – Kris has made two attempts to contact the Chamber of Commerce about participating in this year’s Ye Olde Fashioned Christmas without success. She will continue trying to contact them and will provide updates as they are available.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Next meeting: August 19, 2025 @ 5:30pm – Historic Baker Building