

**Evansville Grove Society, Inc.**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 21, 2025**  
**5:30pm**  
**Historic Baker Building**

- I. Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by Kris Thome
- II. Members present: Dan Stephans, Marcia Kremer, Kris Thome, Arthur McEvoy, Leah Hurtley, Jill Whitmore-Bradley
- III. Motion to approve September 16, 2025 minutes was made by Art. Seconded by Marcia. Motion passed.
- IV. Motion to approve minutes from the October 24, 2024 annual meeting was made by Art. Seconded by Jill. Motion passed.
- V. **Treasurer's Report** –
  - a. Marcia presented Q3 Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Financial Income and Expense.
  - b. Motion to approve Q3 financial statements was made by Jill. Seconded by Art. Motion passed.
  - c. September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025 financial statements were not available for review at the meeting. They will be emailed to directors prior to the annual meeting.
- VI. **Correspondence / Donations**
  - a. **Donations**–
    - i. **Evansville Fire Department** – 1966-era storm siren. Dan and Leah have had conversations about this possible donation. The board discussed ways to display such a large item, if accepted. More information is needed before a decision can be made.
    - ii. **Deborah Cooper & Anita Visser** – Mary Beath family second donation – Multiple items related to Evansville jeweler, E.J. Ballard.
    - iii. **Heidi Carvin** – Leah estimates the value of the rolltop desk to be ~\$200. She will post it for sale.
- VII. **Membership Committee Report** – Kris reports that the number of members is currently 74, up from 63 reported at last year's annual meeting. While the membership cycle was changed to a rolling 12-month period, we still have an annual membership drive at the end of the calendar year. Leah will join Kris and Marcia on the Membership committee. The concept of a sustaining membership was briefly discussed, but not acted on. It was decided to target people living in the historic districts. Leah is responsible for getting the list of names. Membership letters will be mailed in early December.
- VIII. **Old Business**
  - a. **Hail Damage** – Total Exteriors is scheduled to be here this week to continue hail damage-related repairs. The cabin roof was redone at the end of September with the correct shingle color. The Little Library shingles were also replaced.  
-The board approved via email 9/29/2025 to spend an additional \$216.67 for window and glazing repairs. This is in addition to the \$383.33 to repair windows damaged in the hail storm. Total cost is \$600.00.
  - b. **ECP Lease Renewal** – Work with Attorney Clare Nerby to draft the new lease is ongoing.

- c. **EGS Telephone** – Not yet completed.
- d. **Historic Home Tour** – Pat Carr’s home on Church Street is confirmed for the home tour.
- e. **Theodore Robinson Debrief** – 51 people attended the presentation on October 11<sup>th</sup>. PBS Wisconsin recorded the Dr. Yorimoto-Boldt’s presentation which was immediately available on YouTube and will be aired on their show University Place in 2-3 months. They will notify us in advance of the date. Several members of the Robinson family were present and expressed their pleasure with the presentation. We made \$57 in postcard donations and \$241 in cash donations.
- f. **Annual Meeting** – October 23, 2025 at Creekside. We arrive at 5pm to set up. Social hour is 6-6:30pm followed by Jim Richter’s presentation on the Rex Mural. EGS business and executive meetings to follow. Each board member is asked to bring an appetizer or dessert for the meeting.
- g. **Ed Larson/Grandpa’s Farm Open House** – November 1<sup>st</sup>. Event is being advertised via posters, Evansville Examiner, Facebook, and radio. We will arrive at 9am to set up. Event ends at 12pm. Kris, Art, Marcia, and Dan will attend.
- h. **Christmas at the Museum** – We will likely not open the museum to the community for the holidays. There are plans though to decorate the museum with exterior lights and Christmas trees in the windows.
- i. **July 4<sup>th</sup> 2026** – Marsha Dobbs volunteered to help coordinate the Declaration of Independence recitation on July 4<sup>th</sup>. We will begin work on this project early next year.
- j. **History in the Park Recordings** – We have three: two short and one full-length recordings of the 2025 HITP presentation. One short clip is embedded on the website

IX. **New Business**

- a. **Prospective Board Member** – Chris Eager has expressed interest in joining the Grove Society board. He is away for ~six months of the year, but can participate in board meetings via phone or other apps. Motion to approve Chris as a board member was made by Kris. Seconded by Dan. Motion passed.
  - b. Kris, Marcia, and Art are the new Nominating Committee members. They will propose the following slate of directors at the Annual Meeting:
    - Kris Thome – Term 2025-2027
    - Arthur McEvoy – Term 2025-2027
    - Jill Bradley-Whitmore – Term 2025-2027
    - Leah Hurlley – Term 2025-2026
    - Chris Eager – Term 2025-2027
- \*Dan and Marcia’s current terms expire 2026

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Next meeting: November 18, 2025 @ 5:30pm – Historic Baker Building