



SPECIAL GRAYSLAKE HERITAGE CENTER & MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, December 14, 2022 7:00 p.m.
Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum, 164 Hawley Street

AGENDA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call: Waldenstrom ____ Bisevac ____ Magnetta ____ Poe ____ Renehan ____

1. Approval of the Minutes from September 21, 2022
2. Public Commentary—Agenda Items
3. Executive Director’s Report (Attachments—Director’s Report, Attendance Figures)
4. Information Sharing: Grayslake Historical Society
5. Information Sharing: Village of Grayslake
6. Discussion— Upcoming Exhibits
7. Discussion— Draft FY23-24 Programs and Initiatives
8. Discussion— Draft FY23-24 Budget
9. Discussion—Change Meeting Time
10. Public Commentary
11. Adjournment

Mayor: Rhiett Taylor
Trustees: Ronald L. Jarvis ~ Kevin D. Waldenstrom ~ Elizabeth Davies ~ Lalena Zoe Magnetta ~ Laura Dias ~ Pradip Safu
Village Clerk: Cynthia E. Lee

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Discussion Notes

6. Discussion— Upcoming Exhibits: The Heritage Center Committee will discuss the exhibit going in the Upper Gallery at the end of the upcoming fiscal year.
7. Discussion— Draft FY23-24 Programs and Initiatives: Heritage Center Director Michelle Poe will share a draft of the programs and initiatives for the upcoming fiscal year.
8. Discussion— FY21-22 Budget: Heritage Center Director Michelle Poe will share a draft of the Heritage Center for the upcoming fiscal year.
9. Discussion—Change Meeting Time: Chairman Kevin Waldenstrom will lead a discussion about changing the Heritage Center Committee meeting time from 7:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

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1. Approval of the Minutes from June 22, 2022

Grayslake Trustee Kevin Waldenstrom called for approval of minutes for the June 22, 2022 meeting. Grayslake Historical Society Archivist Charlotte Renehan made the motion. Grayslake Historical Society Vice President Adrijana Bisevac seconded.

2. Public Commentary—Agenda Items

None.

3. Executive Director’s Report (Attachments—Director’s Report, Attendance Figures)

Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum Executive Director Poe referred to her report. Poe was asked how many organizations have signed up for the Grayslake Giving Trees so far; there are 3.

4. Information Sharing: Grayslake Historical Society

Renehan referred to her report. Waldenstrom asked if the Lake County Journal came to the exhibit opening; Renehan said that they were here for nearly 2 hours. Renehan also requested that the Grayslake Historical Society board receive the Heritage Center Committee packet at the same time as the Village Board.

5. Information Sharing: Village of Grayslake

Village of Grayslake Trustee Zoe Magnosta shared information from 3 Village Board meetings.

July 19th Board Meeting

- Noot Partners @ Compass Real Estate were recognized as a Platinum sustainable business in Grayslake. This puts our Grayslake Sustainability Business Program at 13 businesses who have achieved a sustainable status.
- The Village of Grayslake was designated as a Bird City by the Illinois Audubon Council. This was achievable by the help of Bill & Sue Morris and the Village staff. Only 4 municipalities in all of Illinois have this designation.
- We executed a contract for dredging three retention ponds - College Trail, Sunrise Park, and Teal Bay (Chesapeake Farms)

- We also authorized the execution of a contract to expand the Gelatin Ice Rink this coming winter doubling its size.

August 16th Board Meeting

- Authorized the execution of a five-year labor agreement with the international union of operating engineers, local 150 Public Employees covering all five of our village public works crew members.
- The board also could not come to a consensus on the painting of the water tower's "stem" green, so we decided to go with our original all-white water tower paint design.
- Mayor Taylor updated the Board and the community on his involvement with the Route 53 Task Force.
 - 50% Open Space - Grayslake remains diligent on maintaining open space
 - Protecting Natural Features - protection of the natural wetlands, woodlands, and other key open spaces
 - Local Traffic Flow & Economic Development - Residents have expressed consistently expressed concerns that there is too much traffic congestion. A desire to have parcels available for economic development to diversify the property tax base which provides revenues to our schools.
 - Private Property - Much of the land in Grayslake is privately owned. These owners should feel heard and that their needs are considered.
 - Intergovernmental Agreement - consensus among the municipalities is important.

September 6th Board Meeting

- We revised our solicitation ordinance to be more in accordance with federal court decisions. Most were minor, like the fee for the solicitation permit, age requirements, background checks, and the distance from major intersections in the Village.
- We executed a contract for the installation of a backup generator for Well #5 (Lincoln Ave Well)
- We decided to eliminate a utility easement between two residential lots that the same owner owns. They plan on consolidating the two into one in that Stony Ridge Subdivision.

6. Discussion— Upcoming Exhibits

Poe reviewed prior discussions about exhibits: the Heritage Center Committee first explored the idea of a "Focus on Grayslake" photography exhibit in 2020 then needed to wait for loosened COVID restrictions so the artist could gather more resident photos and interviews. The Committee also liked Renehan's idea for an exhibit about bicycles. With "Focus on Grayslake" in the Upper Gallery in

early 2023 and “Bicycles” in the Renehan gallery in Summer 2023, the committee only needs to select the Winter 2024 exhibit in preparation for the FY23-24 budget workshop. Discussion about a variety of topics ensued. Ideas that rose to the top included:

- the Post Office (Grayslake’s matrimonial agency, the scandal with the postmistress, rural mail delivery, artifacts such as the postmaster’s desk, mailboxes from Gages Lake post office, and postcards & letters)
- history of Center Street (souvenirs from Grayslake businesses, signs from businesses, pictures of the evolution of Center Street, the street’s name change)
- clothing and hats
- past pharmacies and drug stores

Chairman Waldenstrom called for a motion to confirm “Focus on Grayslake” to open in February 2023 and an exhibit about Bicycles to open in Summer 2023 with the February 2024 exhibit to be determined. Bisevac made the motion; Renehan seconded.

7. Discussion—Community Room Rental

Busy Brains Children’s Museum has asked to rent space in the Heritage Center for a popup museum again. Their first popup was in late 2019 to early 2020. The proposal is to use the Community Room in late December until early January, with the exact dates to be decided. There are currently only two potential conflicts with regular renters, and those groups tend to cancel their meetings during the holidays. The Committee requested that Busy Brains refrain from messy paint projects or other activities that could harm the carpet. Chairman Waldenstrom called for a motion to approve a rental for up to two weeks with restrictions. Bisevac made the motion; Magnetta seconded.

8. Public Commentary

None.

9. Adjournment

Waldenstrom called for a motion to end the meeting. Bisevac made the motion and Magnetta seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Grayslake Historical Society and Museum
Information Sharing
for the
Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum Committee
June 23, 2022 - September 20, 2022

The Grayslake Historical Society is a 501c3 organization with a great team of volunteers. In addition to its usual activities of greeting visitors, cleaning the Annex, collecting, cataloguing and caring for artifacts, answering historical questions and working with the Heritage Center staff, during the last three months, it has:

- hosted a reminisce session about Klingerville with over thirty-five in attendance.
- participated in Grayslake Farmers Market by providing experiences of our farming past.
- published its fall newsletter, the "Update".
- presented a program about local high school homecoming activities.
- shared images of early Gages Lake at the North Shore Gages Lake centennial celebration.
- cooperated with the village of Hainesville by providing rope making and historical information at its 175th birthday party.
- had a table at GCHS's homecoming game promoting the Society's high school program and the Museum's high school exhibit.
- communicated with the public at the Grayslake Library's Community Resource Fair.
- promoted the Museum at a Summer Days booth.
- featured Wilbur, the Society's fire truck, in Grayslake's Summer Days parade.
- held an alumni coffee and chat in the community room with over thirty people attending and touring the museum.
- worked with the Heritage Center staff to plan and present the high school exhibit.
- furnished information and artifacts for the Museums high school exhibit.
- enjoyed a historic tour of the Chain of Lakes with members of the Lake County Historical Alliance.
- invited the Lake County Journal to the high school exhibit opening.
- contacted the Grayslake Park District summer camper to tour the galleries.
- continued to host the Search & Share monthly genealogical discussion group.
- received artifact donations including Grayslake uniforms and manufactured items.
- displayed Wilbur at Grayslake Rotary Club's Cruisin' on Center car show.

The Society appreciates the technical assistance of the Heritage Center staff in producing flyers and visual aids for its programs and activities.

Charlotte K. Renehan
Archivist/Curator - Grayslake Historical Society and Museum

The mission of the Grayslake Historical Society is:
to bring together those people interested in the history and background of Grayslake and its surrounding areas; to collect, preserve and display the memorials of its founders and benefactors as well as the historical evidence and artifacts of its progress and improvement in relation to population, the arts and institutions; to transmit the same for the instruction and benefits of future generations.

Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum
Executive Director's Report
September 14, 2022 – December 8, 2022

I. Exhibitions

Grayslake Giving Trees

It's another record-breaking year for the Grayslake Giving Trees—there are 17 trees from local organizations plus two trees by the Grayslake Historical Society. Two organizations dropped out at the last minute, or there would have been 19 trees! To make the room even more magical, snowflakes and iridescent tinsel hang from the ceiling this year. As usual, visitors can vote for their favorite tree at \$1 per ticket. The tree with the most votes will keep the entire proceeds from its tickets and the remaining trees will split the money with the Grayslake Historical Society. A team of local judges will nominate trees for additional awards, such as "Best Illustration of Mission" and "Most Creative." The awards will be announced on January 6 at 12:00 PM.

Focus on Grayslake

Focus on Grayslake will open in the Upper Gallery following the Grayslake Giving Trees display. The exhibition includes a selection of portraits from the "Focus on Grayslake" photography project that originated in 2020 as part of Grayslake's 125th anniversary celebration. The photographer, Zee Lacson, has collected portraits and interviews from residents about their connections to our community. The Heritage Center Committee began discussing this exhibition in 2020, but the project was delayed due to COVID. Exhibit Committee members and various volunteers have voted on their favorite portraits, and the committee discussed interactive elements. The exhibit will open on Saturday, February 11.

II. Programs and Initiatives

Since September 14, 22 programs and initiatives have taken place. They include:

- 2 Exhibit Spotlights on Facebook Live
- 2 Take Home Kits
- 3 Concerts with the Lake County Folk Club
- 4 Search and Share Genealogy meetings with the Grayslake Historical Society
- "Homecoming Highlights and Hijinks" with the Grayslake Historical Society
- Drum Circle Jam live music event
- 2 Grayslake Historical Society Living History Walks
- Bubbles and Brews fundraising dinner with the Heritage Center Foundation
- "Allendale History" with the Grayslake Historical Society
- Guided tour with seniors from Anthology

- “What’s in a Name” presentation by the Dunn Museum
- “Food Fads from the 40s – 60s” with Leslie Goddard
- Presentation by former Police Chief Larry Herzog with the Grayslake Historical Society
- Opening of the Grayslake Giving Trees during Tree Lighting
- Voting location for the Holiday Window Decorating Competition

With the conclusion of November, we now have attendance data for the first half of FY22-23. The attendance information attached shows that participation continues to climb—every month except June has exceeded the previous year’s attendance numbers. In 2021, the Shop’n’Swirl Wine Walk took place in June instead of late winter/early spring so participants could comfortably drink wine at outdoor tasting stations, per the Governor’s COVID regulations for events. This caused an unusual spike in June’s numbers.

To continue the trend of increasing attendance, HC staff is scheduling a series of programs connected to “Be True to Your School: 75 Years of Grayslake High Schools” related to the subjects one learns in high school. Examples include: a “Books I Should Have Read in High School” book club with the Grayslake Library (English class), science experiments with Mr. Lee’s Science Magic (chemistry class), and a photography workshop (art class).

III. Miscellaneous

In October, Delaney Kennedy and Michelle Anderson both left their part-time positions at the Heritage Center. Delaney cited leaving for full-time employment and Michelle to be able to spend more time with her children. The Museum Assistant position will not be filled at this time due to the hire of a full-time Deputy Director. The Engagement and Promotions Coordinator position has been filled by Zee Lacson. Zee has more than a decade of experience in marketing. She is also a photographer, author, and small business owner who is involved in several nonprofit organizations.

In October, Michelle Poe was asked to present at the Conference on Illinois History in Springfield. The presentation focused on public history at small history sites like the Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum. Poe continues to represent the Heritage Center as a board member for the Illinois Association of Museums.

Heritage Center Attendance FY 2022-23

May 2022

	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>In-Person</i>	<i>Virtual</i>
5/1/2022 Special Hours for Pancake Breakfast	107	X	
5/4/2022 Historical Society: Search and Share Genealogy	9	X	
5/7/2022 MayFest with Grayslake Arts Alliance	353	X	
5/11/2022 Historical Society: Who Lived in this House	71	X	X
5/15/2022 Folk Club Concert	47	X	
5/22/2022 St. Gilbert School Tour	35	X	
5/29/2022 Exhibit Spotlight	85		X
Walk-Ins	59		
MAY 2022 TOTAL	766		

May 2021 Total: 237

May 2021 walk-ins: 103

Number of Outreach Programs	3
Number of Public/Events/Special Openings	1
Number of Virtual/Hybrid Programs	2

June 2022

	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>In-Person</i>	<i>Virtual</i>
6/8/2022 Historical Society: Search and Share Genealogy	7	X	
6/18/2022 Booth at Arts Festival	88	X	
6/18/2022 - 6/19/2022 Take Home Kits	15	X	
6/19/2022 Folk Club Concert	36	X	
6/24/2022 Exhibit Spotlight	22		X
6/25/2022 Mr. Lee's Science Magic	23	X	
6/29/2022 Farmers Market- Rope Making Grayslake Historical Society	282	X	
Walk-Ins	88		
JUNE 2022 TOTAL	561		

June 2021 Total: 922

June 2021 walk-ins: 97

Number of Outreach Programs	3
Number of Public/Events/Special Openings	2

Number of Virtual Programs 1

July 2022

	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>In-Person</i>	<i>Virtual</i>
7/6/2022 Historical Society: Search and Share Genealogy	5	X	
7/6/2022 Make Ice Cream	31	X	
7/6/2022 Tour After Make Ice Cream	19	X	
7/14/2022 ACME Music Band	132	X	
7/16/2022 Historical Society: Reminisce	36	X	
7/20/2022 Farmers Market-Carnival Games Heritage Center	333	X	
7/23/2022 Library Resource Fair	61	X	
7/26/2022 Exhibit Spotlight	208		X
7/27/2022 Folk Club Concert	45	X	
Walk-Ins	88		
JULY 2022 TOTAL	958		

July 2021 Total: 597

July 2021 walk-ins: 40

Number of Outreach Programs 2
Number of Public/Events/Special Openings 5
Number of Virtual Programs 1

August 2022

	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>In-Person</i>	<i>Virtual</i>
8/3/2022 Historical Society: Search and Share Genealogy	6	X	
8/5/2022 Park District Tour	19	X	
8/9/2022 Park District Tour	39	X	
8/11/2022 Mr. Myers Band Concert	268	X	
8/12/2022 Grayslake Central Staff and Faculty Tour	180	X	
8/17/2022 Farmers Market Corn Shelling with Historical Society	219	X	
8/20/2022 Booth at Summer Days			
8/21/2022 Take Home Kits	35	X	
8/21/2022 Folk Club Concert	66	X	
8/25/2022 Class of 1957 Tour	12	X	
8/27/2022 "Be True to Your School" Exhibit Opening	25	X	

Walk-Ins	104
SEPTEMBER 2022 TOTAL	973

August 2021 Total: 676
August 2021 walk-ins: 56

Number of Outreach Programs	3
Number of Public/Events/Special Openings	7
Number of Virtual Programs	0

September 2022

	Attendance	<i>In-Person</i>	<i>Virtual</i>
9/7/2022 Historical Society: Search and Share	6	X	
9/7/2022 Farmers Market	77	X	
9/10/2022 Homecoming/Car Show	62	X	
9/14/2022 Historical Society: Homecoming Hijinks Society Program	26	X	
9/18/2022 Folk Club Concert	34	X	
9/22/2022 Anthology Guided Tour	6	X	
9/28/2022 Chamber Lunch and Learn	30	X	
9/30/2022 Drum Circle Jam	175	X	
Walk-ins	82		

SEPTEMBER 2022 TOTAL **498**

September 2021 Total: 354
September 2021 walk-ins: 66

354
66

Number of Outreach Programs	4
Number of Public/Events/Special Openings	4
Number of Virtual Programs	

October 2022

	Attendance	<i>In-Person</i>	<i>Virtual</i>
10/2/2022 Grayslake Historical Society's Cemetery Walk	190	X	
10/5/2022 Historical Society: Search and Share	6	X	
10/6/2022 Bubbles and Brews	59	X	
10/7/2022 Conference on Illinois History	47	X	
10/12/2022 Historical Society: Allendale History	17	X	
10/13/2022 Storytelling at Pumpkinfest	224	X	

10/16/2022	Special Hours during Exchange Club Pancake Breakfast	125	X
10/16/2022	Folk Club Concert	40	X
10/27/2022	What's in a Name program	13	X
10/28/2022	Exhibit Spotlight	135	X
10/29/2022	Downtown Trick or Treat	1056	X
10/29/2022	Spooky Stories during Trick or Treat	35	X
	Walk-ins	86	
OCTOBER 2022 TOTAL		2033	

October 2021 Total: 1657

October 2021 Walk-Ins: 116

Number of Outreach Programs	4
Number of Public/Events/Special Openings	6
Number of Virtual Programs	1

November 2022

Attendance *In-Person* *Virtual*

11/2/2022	Historical Society: Search and Share	6	X
11/5/2022	Food Fads program	13	X
11/9/2022	Historical Society: Larry Herzog program	33	X
11/20/2022	Folk Club Concert	54	X
11/25/2022	Exhibit Spotlight	199	X
11/25/2022	Grayslake Giving Trees Opening	670	X
11/26/2022	Take Home Kits	9	X
	Walk-ins	73	X
NOVEMBER 2022 TOTAL		1057	

November 2021 Total: 540

November 2021 Walk-Ins: 43

Number of Outreach Programs	2
Number of Public/Events/Special Openings	4
Number of Virtual Programs	1