



**MINUTES OF THE
GRUTZMACHER COLLECTION
COMMITTEE LIBRARY BOARD OF
TRUSTEES
MEETING**

**Mukwonago Community Library
511 Division Street, Mukwonago, WI 53149
and via Zoom
November 20, 2025 at 6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:09pm by Chairperson Pringle.

2. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

Committee Members Present

H. Pringle

E. Brill

Via Zoom

E. Pautz (left at 6:40pm)

M. Oberwise Lacock (joined at 6:10pm)

Excused

S. Perkins

Also Present

A. Armour, Library Director

D. Benden of Driftless Pathways (via Zoom)

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Approval of August 21, 2025, Library Grutmacher Collection Committee Minutes as prepared and distributed

E. Brill/H. Pringle motioned to approve the August 21, 2025, Grutzmacher Collection Committee meeting minutes. Unanimously carried.

4. Discussion/Action Items

4.1 Permanent Grutzmacher Collection Display - Discussion and possible action on developing a permanent display inside the Library for the Grutzmacher Collection.

Danielle Benden of Driftless Pathways joined via Zoom to engage the Committee in a discussion regarding a permanent display in the Library.

Discussion included having Danielle visit to assess the smallest and largest items in the Collection before recommending shelving options, being mindful of lighting levels, incorporating permanent design elements such as a pony wall with a wrap, and considering interactivity with flexible furniture that allows for accessibility, durability, and longevity. The Committee discussed the need to identify core furniture pieces for the architect sooner rather than later. The Committee noted that the Grutzmacher display is scheduled to go online in July 2027 but would be interested in putting together a “teaser” display before the renovation is complete that could be incorporated into the permanent display. The Committee discussed approaching this as a contracted design development in two parts: establishing the foundational elements and filling the space. Director Armour will connect with Danielle after the new year to schedule an onsite visit by March/April. If Danielle provides a quote, it will be presented to the Library Board.

4.2 Red Brick Museum Signage - Discussion and possible action on drafted signage proposed for display in the Red Brick Museum.

Director Armour presented an updated draft of the proposed signage. The Committee requested final revisions and directed Director Armour to share the draft with MHMS President Henry Hecker for approval. The Committee approves the display with the revisions and indicated that if MHMS approves the display, the Committee approves moving forward with its development.

4.3 Updates on the Grutzmacher Collection - Discussion and possible action on updates regarding the Grutzmacher Collection including NAGPRA.

Director Armour shared that she, Trustee Perkins, and Trustee Pringle attended an Inter-Tribal Consultation led by the Illinois State University regarding items from Pike County, Illinois. Based on guidance from the Tribes, items on display at the Red Brick Museum will need to be removed. Director Armour will consult with Bernstein & Associates on moving forward.

5. Referral Items - None

6. Confirm Next Meeting Date - Thursday, April 16, 2026 @ 6:00pm

7. Adjournment

E. Brill/M. Oberwise Lacock motioned to adjourn. Unanimously carried. Adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Minutes submitted by Abby Armour