

Grant County Historical Society

Meeting Minutes – July 16, 2025

Membership Meeting

Called to order at 6:15 pm by President Sarah. 11 members were present, including 3 officers.

Pledge of Allegiance was offered. Ruth Ann mentioned that there is a pledge to the state flag, and she recited it. Many of us had never heard it before.

The minutes of the June 2025 meeting were offered. Since there was no quorum at the June meeting, the May minutes could not be approved. The May and June minutes were reviewed and approved. Travis reported that the only financial activity in June was the deposit of \$50.00 to our account from the sale of history books from the Grant County fair. Account balance is approximately \$8995.08. Minutes and financial reports were approved as presented.

Business Meeting

Historical Markers:

GJ Kilgren advised that both Boots and Branson now have commemorative markers at the county courthouse display. He wondered if doing a second set of markers to them, even at a different location, would be money well spent. The club decided to drop this project. Additional projects will be reviewed.

President Sarah renewed her concern to make the Society more visible in the community by participating in activities in the county for the rest of the summer. Tina mentioned the Van Buran Popcorn festival coming up in a couple weeks. Gas City has a First Friday activity. There is a summer parade in Swayzee, and the Upland Labor Day parade. We will try to register for the Popcorn Festival.

President Sarah is also working on more engagement with other county historical societies. Most of the communities have their own smaller society. We would like to explore opportunities with all the groups doing some activity together.

The Friends of the Library grant is still pending. If we are awarded one, we would have to provide our own \$300 seed. Member IDs of a badge, shirt, etc. was discussed.

With no other business, we proceeded with our Show & Tell session:

- Travis showed a framed memento of one of his GAR ancestors from the Civil War
- Janice showed jewelry from mother & grandmother
- Bob showed a leather coin purse & silver dollars from his grandfather
- GJ showed an antique ruler from his collection, and family photos from the Civil War

Leland Gamson will present on Woodstock during the August meeting. The September meeting will be a work night.

President Sarah dismissed the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Respective submitted,


Bob Miller, Secretary