



City of Manitowoc

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Meeting Minutes

Rahr-West Art Museum Board of Directors

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

4:00 PM

Rahr-West Art Museum
Room 3

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Present: 10 - LaPean, Shimon, Halla, Cerkas, Egger, Khan, Hansen, Day, Able and Dunbar

Absent: 3 - Zimmerman, Myers and Schiesman

3. Public Comment

4. Approval of Minutes

[26-0386](#) Minutes of March 4th Board of Directors meeting

Attachments: [RWAM Board minutes 4.1.2026](#)

Moved by Dunbar, seconded by Hansen, that this Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - LaPean, Shimon, Halla, Cerkas, Egger, Khan, Hansen, Day, Able and Dunbar

5. Review Financial Accounts

[26-0387](#) April and May Financials

6. Reports

[26-0388](#) President Report for May

President reminded board of May 10th exhibit opening 1:00PM-3:00PM with a gallery talk at 2:00PM

[26-0389](#) Membership/Marketing for May

Attachments: [RWAM MandM Committee Notes 4-27-2026](#)

[26-0390](#) Education Report for May

Attachments: [RWAM Education Exhibits Committee 4.28.26-](#)

Added to education notes:

Under the Dreihaus Collection: Director will be looking into an extra security camera for the Port Cochere.

Under MOWA traveling exhibit, photography of Suzanne Rose this will be a 2027 exhibit.

The O'Keeffe is not being reframed it is having a new security case made for it by MOWA

Under WOMT RWAM is hoping to bring the Radio exhibit to the RWAM in late October 2026-Mid Feb. 2027

[26-0391](#)

East Lawn May Report for May

No Report next meeting May 22, 2026 at 10:00AM

[26-0392](#)

Collections Report for May

No formal report.

HVAC has been having issues, summer set points have been set.

[26-0393](#)

Director Report for May

Front Fence Repair has been completed

Summer internships will be with us 8-9 weeks

Changes to the Rahr-West Art Museum Board: On April 20th the City of Manitowoc Common Council voted unanimously to re-size the RWAM to an 11-member body. The Council also voted to make the Director of Visit Manitowoc a permanent member of the Board due to the significance of the RWAM as a cultural tourism destination.

Strategic Plan: The next step of our strategic plan will be to take our overarching ideas to the respective committees to formulate concrete goals for the next 5 years, with realistic timelines and shared responsibilities.

Georgia O'Keeffe: Is on loan to the Museum of Wisconsin Art for a two and a half month exhibition. May 2-July 16. We will in-turn be getting a new protective glass cover for our painting at no cost and they will be loaning us a full exhibition from artist Suzanne Rose (waiving the \$15,000 exhibition rental fee) this is a reciprocal loan.

East Lawn Landscaping contract is with Cretton Enterprises from Two Rivers.

[26-0394](#)

Friends Report for May

Receptions this summer are as follows May 10th, June 7th and August 23.

The Member Bus trip planning is in the process of setting up the tours at the Trout Museum and Richardson Gallery.

Art of Conversation planning for 2027 will be Rob Zimmer

[26-0395](#)

Foundation Report for May

Foundation approved \$14,607 in funds for Exhibit marketing for 2026, they have also agreed to split with the city the cost on a full appraisal for 2027
Foundation members are working on a fundraiser for 2027
Next meeting July 28,2026

7. Old Business

Question was raised about Proxi voting. item is tabled

8. New Business

Thank you to outgoing board members: Kathy Halla, Larry Shimon, Patricia Zimmerman, Cassie Lapean.

9. Adjournment

This was accepted

Aye: 10 - LaPean, Shimon, Halla, Cerkas, Egger, Khan, Hansen, Day, Able and Dunbar