

Friends of Jonathan Clark House Museum Elect Board Members and Officers

The Friends of Jonathan Clark House Museum recently announced two new Board Members for the nine-member 2021 Board of Directors. Joel Willems was elected to a three-year term. Joel is the former Curator of the Chudnow Museum in Milwaukee and is the new Director of the Cedarburg History Museum. As Joel stated, "I am pleased to join the JCH Board and explore collaborations between local historians and history enthusiasts." Local Architect Justin Racinowski was elected to a second three-year term. A third board member, Judy Button, was appointed by the Board of Directors to complete the third year of a vacant term. Judy, a Mequon resident and elementary education teacher, stated that she is "excited to contribute to the education-based mission of the Jonathan Clark House Museum".

At its January 12, meeting, the 2021 board members re-elected Gary Heckendorf, President, Linda Chay Vice President, Margaret Bussone, Secretary and Diana Hetzel, Treasurer. In addition, Education Director Margaret Bussone will continue to lead a team of local educators in education and event planning.

The Museum is in the 1848 Jonathan Clark House on the corner of Bonniwell and Cedarburg Roads in Mequon. Its mission is to collect, preserve and share the history of the Jonathan Clark House and the area's early settlers. The Clark, Turck and Bonniwell families are used as examples of the life of the early settlers. A cadre of adults and youth serve as volunteers for signature events such as the summer and fall "Heritage Days". Due to the pandemic the museum is closed to the public at this time, but the "Become a Young Historian" project is available for youth to explore ways to learn about early settler life. More information is available on the JCH website at www.jonathanclarkhouse.org or by calling Executive Director Dr. Nina Look or Preservation Manager Fred Derr, at 262-618-2051.



Joel Willems



Judy Button



Justin Racinowski