The Watertown Area Community Foundation announced recently that it has awarded a second $150,000 grant to the Friends of the Goss. The Watertown Development Company also has donated a second $150,000 gift. The FOG nonprofit has raised more than $4,250,000 as part of its $4,750,000 “Light Up the Goss” capital campaign which kicked off last June.

The success of its fundraising effort has prompted an anonymous donor to offer a second $250,000 challenge grant. If the community donates a final $250,000 to match that grant, FOG will be able to complete all of its restoration goals for the 130-year-old building that houses an approximately 450-seat theater on its second floor.

The FOG Foundation hopes to complete its capital campaign by mid-March. The doors to the renovated building are expected to open for concerts April 24 and April 25.

GOSS GUMPTION - Fundraising campaign momentum continues for the Goss. From left are Chris Schilken, director of the Watertown Development Company; Missy Sinner, Goss Opera House executive director; Supt. Jeff Danielsen, WACF Board vice chair; Jan DeBerg, WACF executive director; Kristen Henderson, FOG marketing chair and WACF Board member; and Milt Carter, FOG president.
With your help, Watertown’s Artwalk will continue to enhance our community. All ages enjoy the art and we continue to receive positive comments about Artwalk from residents and visitors alike. Artwalk has been a destination for art enthusiasts, a lesson various teachers have shared with their students, a fun field trip for daycares and just a passing admiration by others.

Each piece is sponsored locally and we appreciate our sponsors. Artwalk 2020 is getting under way and the effort, which includes much more than each sculpture’s sponsorship, is always in need of additional support. That is where Friends of Artwalk comes in.

Each friend donates $500 to support Artwalk. In gratitude for your support, you will receive recognition in the Artwalk brochure and a vote to choose the “Friends of Artwalk” (People’s Choice) sculpture.

We hope you will consider becoming a “friend” and supporting Artwalk to help sustain and grow this artistic effort appreciated by so many. Please make your check payable to: Watertown Artwalk, % Watertown Area Community Foundation, 211 E. Kemp, Watertown, SD 57201.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED - A panel including Scott Olson, trustee representative, Great Western Bank; Jake Schaffer, trustee representative, Wells Fargo NA; and Jan DeBerg, WACF executive director; gave Watertown Winter Farm Show attendees information about best practices in estate planning.

2020 BOARD - The Watertown Area Community Foundation Board is from left, Dr. Jeff Danielsen, vice chair; Liam Culhane, Julie Ranum, Joel Vockrodt, Kristen Henderson, Charlie Ewalt, chair, and Tom Beadnell. This volunteer board is appointed by the City, School and business sectors.