



**Minutes**  
**Siouxland Heritage Museums**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 5, 2015**  
**Law Library, Old Courthouse Museum**

Present: Museum Board; Virgil Andersen, Roger Terveen, Mike MacDonald, Arthur Kriens, Jeff Barth, Michael Mullin, Marty DeWitt, Ron Helwig

Museum Staff; Bill Hoskins, Museum Director

Public: None

Virgil Andersen called the meeting to order at 11:35 AM.

Marty DeWitt moved to adopt the Minutes of the October Museum Board Meeting as published. The motion was seconded by Mike MacDonald. Motion passed and the minutes were adopted.

Bill Hoskins passed around several e-mails from patrons thanking staff for outstanding performance of their work and the PBS Images of the Past.

Mike MacDonald delivered the Report of the Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance. Mike commented on the Halloween Party and the upcoming Annual Meeting in January.

Bill presented the Financial Report for the Museum for the end of September, 2015. Mike moved that the Financial Report be accepted. Ron seconded the motion and the motion passed on vote.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered the Director's Report for the Month of October.

Siouxland Heritage Museums overall attendance is up 6% for 2015 at the end of October. October was a record for monthly attendance and the first time we were over 10,000 for a month. Museum staff presented 107 programs on and off site to 5,377 people and 127 tours of the Pettigrew Home. The new exhibit, "Falls Fuel" is being installed and is scheduled to open on November 19 at the Old Courthouse Museum. The preliminary design for the Horse Barn exhibits for Stockyards Inc. were completed and approved.

Mike MacDonald and Marty DeWitt delivered the report of the Store Committee. The Store Committee met to review store products, comment on marketing and sale prices and to approve the purchase of a new credit card machine which reads chips.



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Candy Hanson, Special Advisor and former CEO of the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation made a presentation on endowments. The museum receives revenue from the Siouxland Heritage Museums Endowment and the Doc and Florence Brown Endowment managed by the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation. Candy reviewed the history of the endowments and the revenue they have provided the Museums over the years. Candy reviewed various ways to build endowments and encouraged the board to build for the future.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be at the Pettigrew Home and Museum on Thursday, December 3 for the Annual Board and Staff Potluck. The Board will hold a special meeting in January on the second Thursday to specifically discuss the Endowment. Past board members, major donors and other interested parties will be invited to the discussion.

Jeff mentioned the SD State Flag which disappeared from the Secretary of State's office and suggested that if it was not going to the State Historical Society that maybe we should offer to accept the Flag and display it.

The Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM