



Minutes
Siouxland Heritage Museums
Board Meeting
Thursday, August 6, 2015
Law Library, Old Courthouse Museum

Present: Museum Board; Virgil Andersen, Marty DeWitt, Ron Helwig, Arthur Kriens, Bob Kolbe, Mike MacDonald, Dianne Metli, Michael Mullin, Kermit Staggers

Museum Staff; Bill Hoskins, Museum Director

Public: None

Board Members Absent: Jeff Barth, Roger Terveen

Virgil Andersen called the meeting to order at 11:32 AM.

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

Kermit Staggers was welcomed to the Museum Board and introductions were made. Kermit commented that the Construction of the Collections Storage facility is still a priority for the City council. Bill Hoskins passed around a note from a patron regarding staff and the Victorian Girls day camp program.

Dianne Metli and Mike MacDonald delivered the Report of the Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance. They reported upon the Historic Homes Tour and the Alliance Pork Raffle on July 23. Mike reported that 278 attended the Homes Tour. There was some discussion of future promotion of the event.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director reviewed the budgets for the Siouxland Heritage Museums for June, 2015. Bill responded to several questions regarding the Maintenance Budgets for the Old Courthouse and Pettigrew Museums, the status of some of the projects and their impact on budget. Dianne moved to accept the Financial Report as published. Marty seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered the Director's Report for July, 2015. Bill highlighted some of the activities of the past month:

Siouxland Heritage museums overall attendance is up 5.8% (2,649 people) for 2015 at the end of July.

Museum staff presented 46 programs on and off site to 1,745 people and 220 tours of the Pettigrew Home.



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The Fort Dakota Exhibit opened at the Old Courthouse Museum on July 16.

Museum Interns, Carolyn Johnson and Brianna Williamson worked in Exhibits, Education and Collections in June.

Automatic Security replaced a smoke detector at the Pettigrew in July.

Adam Nelson, Marketing Coordinator, was elected to the Board of the Southeast South Dakota Tourism.

Staff continues to meet with the Board of Stockyards Plaza Incorporated and work in the development of designs for their exhibits.

Bill Hoskins reviewed the minutes of the Visitor Experience Committee Meeting and the committee's recommendations. Marty moved that the committee recommendations be adopted by the Museum Board. Mike MacDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Hoskins reviewed the status of the Museum Budget Requests for 2016. The Joint Budget Hearing for the Museum's 2016 Budget will be August 25 at 5:00 PM. There was some discussion by the Board of the Long Term impact of the County's Budget decisions in regards to the Museum and it's operation.

Bill asked that the Museum Endowment Advisory Committee meet on Wednesday, September 9, at 11:30 AM at the Old Courthouse Museum.

Virgil Andersen reported that the Bender sign is gone as are the construction site entrance signs. The Nelson commercial Real Estate Sign is up. The lawn is nicely mowed.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM.

Museum Mission: *"The Siouxland Heritage Museums is dedicated to enhancing the experience of learning for our community, its families and visitors through collections, preservation and interpretation of history"*