



Minutes
Siouxland Heritage Museums
Board Meeting
Thursday, January 7, 2016
Law Library, Old Courthouse Museum

Present: Museum Board; Roger Terveen, Ron Helwig, Mike MacDonald, Dianne Metli, Bob Kolbe, Arthur Kriens III

Museum Staff; Bill Hoskins, Museum Director

Board Members Absent: Jeff Barth, Michael Mullin

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

Mike MacDonald was nominated as the Chairman of the Museum Board, Ron Helwig as Vice Chairman and Arthur Kriens as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Museum Board. Dianne Metli moved that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for the slate of officers. Bob Kolbe seconded the motion the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The gavel was passed to Mike MacDonald.

Dianne Metli moved to adopt the Minutes of the November and December Meetings of the Museum Board as published. Motion was seconded by Ron Helwig. Motion passed and the minutes were adopted.

Dianne Metli delivered the Report of the Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance. The Alliance Board is scheduled to meet at 5:30 PM on January 14. The Annual Meeting of the Alliance will be at the Pettigrew Home and Museum on Thursday, January 28 at 6:00 PM. The program for the meeting will be the dress rehearsal for the Murder Mystery.

Bill Hoskins presented a summary of the 2016 budget for the Siouxland Heritage Museums. The total budget is \$1.4 Million, 20% is in the two revenue budgets. The Museum finished in the black for all budgets.

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

The Holiday Open House at the Pettigrew on December 10 was attended by 296 people.
Record attendance for the Siouxland Heritage Museums of 85,247 up 5.5% from 2014.



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Carpet was replaced in five offices at the Old Courthouse Museum in December. Carpet was purchased for the 2nd Floor Gallery at the Pettigrew. The carpet will be installed in January as part of the new exhibit installation. The new exhibit on Sioux Falls History will open March 10. Plaster repair and painting will also be happening at the Pettigrew in January.

Concerts in December were not as well attended due to the snow on concert days. There are 4 more concerts in January to complete the winter series.

Molly Engquist, Curator of Exhibits continues to make progress on the Stockyards project.

Bill also mentioned a number of activities in progress in January:

Tickets for the Murder Mystery at the Pettigrew on January 30, 31 and February 6,7 go on sale on Saturday, January 9.

Kevin Gansz, Jessie Nesseim and Bill Hoskins are teaching OLLIE Classes through the University Center. The classes take place on sight at the Siouxland Heritage Museums and the Museum Special Enterprise Fund will receive the pay for the classes.

A signup sheet for 2016 Museum Board Committees was handed out and circulated to Board Members along with a list of what each Board Committee Purpose.

Bill Hoskins handed out a copy of a letter to the Minnehaha County Commission proposing a Cell Phone Tower for the Museum Land. The Commission briefly reviewed the proposal at the County Building committee Meeting on January 5. Bill has talked to the Architect for recommendations for a location on the Museum's 5 acres to be retained. Bill has also forwarded a copy to Ron Nelson the realtor for his opinion. Bill has also talked to the State's Attorney and to Kari Hall. Kari is in favor of the project and is willing to write a letter of support. The Board discussed the proposal and the impact of \$12,000 per year in revenue the lease would represent. The board discussed how the tower would look, possible placement and where the revenue should go.

Ron Helwig moved to adopt the following resolution. Dianne Metli seconded the resolution.

WHEREAS, The intent of the Hall's donation was to not only provide a safe and secure environment for the storage of the Museum Collection but also to provide income for that project.

And WHEREAS Buell Consulting Inc. is offering to pay \$12,000 per year for 25 years to lease 600 square feet on the 25 acres given by Bob and Kari Hall. The exact location on the 25 acres at our discretion.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Siouxland Heritage Museums Board of Directors respectfully recommends that the Minnehaha County Commission;

Negotiate a contract for the placement of a cell phone tower on the 25 acres donated to Minnehaha County on behalf of the Museum.

Revenue from the lease be deposited into and accounted for in the Siouxland Heritage Museum Enterprise Fund. That annual Reports on the revenue be a part of both the annual budget process and the Annual Report on the Enterprise Fund. That the uses for the revenue be recommended by the board and approved by the Commission as part of the Annual Budget process.

The Resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Museum Board members present.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 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”*