

**Minutes  
Siouxland Heritage Museums  
Board Meeting  
Thursday, July 12, 2012  
Old Courthouse Museum**

Present: Virgil Andersen, Sandy Dean, Ron Helwig, Mary Dean Janklow, Beth MacDonald, Tim Schendel, Bill Hoskins, Kevin Gansz

Absent: Pat McGreevy, Jeff Barth, Marty DeWitt, Michelle Erpenbach, Glenda Schmid

Tim Schendel called the meeting to order at 11:32 AM.

The minutes of the June Meeting were adopted as printed.

**Public Input:**

Copy the SD Air National Guard Press release about the “Radiomen” exhibit at the Old courthouse Museum were passed around.

**Reports:**

Beth delivered the Alliance Report. The Pork Raffle net was \$930.00, ticket sales and donations totaled \$1,255. Planning for the next Historic Homes Tour on July 19 is moving forward.

Bill Hoskins Museum Director briefly delivered the Report of the Collections Committee. Virgil moved to accept the report of the committee. (see minutes of Collections Committee Meeting) The motion was seconded by Beth. The motion passed on vote.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director briefly reviewed the Financial Report for May and June, 2012 which was e-mailed to board members prior to the meeting. Bill handed about a report on rentals for the first half of the year which showed the comparison between 2011 and 2012. Net profits for rentals are up + 83.6% attendance is up 68%. Rentals are accounted for in the Enterprise Fund.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director presented the Director’s Report for June including some highlights for the month. Highlights included:

- Overall attendance is up 9.6% over the same period last year.
- Symbol of Freedom; The American Flag, exhibit opened on June 14. Bill presented a report on the costs of exhibit production.
- Busy summer, programming is booming, most are filled with waiting lists.
- County Budgets, possible opt out.

## Regular Business

Bill handed out a summary of conversations and maps regarding the Collections Center Project and the possible sale of portions of Hall's Addition. (See Attached) there was general discussion of the material. Bill said that he had met with Architect Chris Schiltz and some plan revisions are being considered. Tim asked to see re-visions by the October Board Meeting.

Bill briefed the Board on Tribal Arts. The event is not being held at the Old Courthouse Museum because of a scheduling conflict for the organizers with the Ramkota. As a result the Museum is not a sponsor of the event. The organizers are now asking us to consider helping out and wonder what the cost might be. Virgil moved that the Siouxland Heritage Museums offer to provide the services for \$12,000 plus expenses. Sandy seconded the motion. The board discussed the event, the labor of the staff and the wear and tear on exhibit furniture. The motion passed on vote.

Bill reported that the table saw in the exhibit shop has died. It is a key piece of equipment purchased by the museum in 1975. Bill Booker, Museum Preparator, who runs the Exhibits Shop has prepared a proposal. Replacement is not in the Operations Budget for 2012 or the request for 2013. Sandy moved to authorize up to \$4,000 from the Museum Special Enterprise Fund to purchase a new table saw per Bill Bookers proposal. The motion was seconded by Beth. The motion passed on vote.

Kevin Gansz, Curator of Education made a brief report on the success of the Museum's Education Programs. Kevin comment on the upcoming events and programs. Tim complimented Kevin on the Success of the Education Department and the efforts of the staff as a whole.

The meeting Adjourned at 1:05 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"*