

**Minutes
Siouxland Heritage Museums
Board Meeting
Thursday, August 2, 2012
Old Courthouse Museum**

Present: Virgil Andersen, Jeff Barth, Sandy Dean, Michelle Erpenbach, Ron Helwig, Beth MacDonald, Tim Schendel, Bill Hoskins, Bob Kolbe, President of the Minnehaha County Historical Society

Absent: Pat McGreevy, Marty DeWitt, Mary Dean Janklow, Glenda Schmid

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

The minutes of the July Meeting were approved as published.

Reports:

Beth delivered the Alliance Report. The Historic Homes Tour sold 482 tickets, approximately 100 more than last year. Not all expenses are accounted for as of yet, but expenses appear to be approximately \$300. The neighborhood was very supportive of the event.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director briefly reviewed the Financial Report for June and July, 2012 which was e-mailed to board members prior to the meeting. Bill commented that his goal is to under spend the Operations Budget by 5% if possible to avoid the supplement for the employee costs which were not budgeted by the County Commission. Maintenance Budgets particularly for the Pettigrew will be tight.

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

- Overall attendance is up 8.5% over the same period last year. Pettigrew Attendance in July is up 19% over July 2011.
- Busy summer, programming is booming, most are filled with waiting lists.
- Staff preparing for the Fair and Fall programs
- School starts August 20.

Regular Business

Michelle and Jeff reported on the proposal to have a City/County Ad Hoc Committee to work on the Collections Center Project. Committee is to be appointed by the City and County in the near future. The Committee would look at what has been done and report back to the council and commission.

Bob Kolbe, President of the Minnehaha County Historical Society commented on the responsibilities of County Government. Bob recalled that he and Bob Jamison began the City/County Joint Archives Committee. Bob suggested that the name of the Photographer for all images used in the museum be part of any labels in museum exhibitions. Bob also expressed the opinion that the Museum needs to advertise more about what artifacts or images we might need for future projects.

The meeting 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”*