

**Minutes  
Siouxland Heritage Museums  
Board Meeting  
Thursday, January 10, 2013  
Law Library, Old Courthouse Museum**

Present: Virgil Andersen, Jeff Barth, Sandy Dean, Marty DeWitt, Ron Helwig, Beth MacDonald, Mike MacDonald, Tim Schendel, Glenda Schmid, Bill Hoskins,

Absent: Michelle Erpenbach, Bob Kolbe

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

Bill introduced the new members of the Museum Board for 2013.

The Nominating Committee reported to the board and place Tim Schendel in nomination for Chairman of the Board, Virgil Andersen for Vice Chair and Marty DeWitt for Secretary. Jeff moved the slate of officers be accepted and that unanimous ballot be cast. The motion was seconded by Tim. The Slate of Officers was elected.

The gavel passed to Tim Schendel.

The minutes of the December Meeting were approved as published.

Bill Hoskins passed around several notes and letters from the public to the Museum thanking the staff for their services.

Reports:

Beth MacDonald reported upon the Museums Alliance. The Alliance Board Meets at 5:30 PM on January 10 to review the proposed 2013 Budget for the Alliance. The Alliance Annual Meeting will be held at the Pettigrew Home and Museum on Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 6:00 PM. The program for the evening will be the dress rehearsal for the Murder Mystery.

All 2012 Budget ended the year in the Black. The exact result will be known when the County Auditor closes out the books for the year. Bill briefly reviewed the Museum Budgets for 2013 and the schedule and process for development of the 2014 Budget.

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

- Attendance for 2012 was 82,493 (up 4% from 2011) the highest attendance in the Museum's History. Attendance has increased 35% since 2000.
- The Holiday Open House on December 13 had 360 people in attendance (151 more than in 2011).

- Friday Concerts in the Courtroom have been well attended and continue Fridays at Noon through January.
- Eleven of the sixteen Full Time employees had their Annual Reviews in December.
- Annual leases for the Sioux Valley Genealogical Society and Minnehaha County Historical Society for space at the Old Courthouse Museum were renewed for 2013.
- Contract for the replacement of the Courtroom Floor was approved by the County Commission. The project will be completed between February 11 and March 15. The cost of the project is \$30,000 and is being paid for by the Museum Special Enterprise Fund.

### Regular Business

Bill reported on the broken water pipe on December 25/26, 2012. (See Attached)

Bill handed out information on the Museum Board Committees and a sign up for Board Committees in 2013.

Bill briefed the Board on the upcoming re-construction of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and it's potential impact on the Museum. Bill handed out concept images developed by Stockwell Engineers of what the project may include and look like.

Bill briefly reviewed the City/County Ad Hoc Committee meeting on the Collections Center Project. At the last meeting on December 10 Bill was asked to develop a number of options for storage and funding and present them to the Board at a future date. Bill has met with Jeff Hazard and Chris Schiltz of Koch Hazard Architects and they have prepared some options and associated cost estimates. (See Attached) County Commissioner Dick Kelly has asked Bill and the Staff to take a look at Longfellow Elementary as an option. Bill handed out some material on Longfellow School. Bill has been in contact with the School District and Darrin Smith, Community Development Director to gather information and set up a tour of the School. Bill was directed to contact the board when the date of the tour was arranged and allow interested board members to attend.

Tim need to depart at 12:40 and passed the gavel to Virgil Andersen.

Bill briefly discussed the Long Range Plan adopted in 2010 for the Museum and the need to revisit it and re-evaluated some of the goals.

The meeting Adjourned at 12:50 AM.

*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"*