



**Minutes
Siouxland Heritage Museums
Board Meeting
Thursday, February 4, 2016
Law Library, Old Courthouse Museum**

Present: Museum Board; Ron Helwig, Mike MacDonald, Dianne Metli, Arthur Kriens III, Kermit Staggers

Museum Staff; Bill Hoskins, Museum Director

Board Members Absent: Jeff Barth, Michael Mullin, Roger Terveen, Del Kroon

Mike MacDonald called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

The Minutes of the January Meeting of the Museum Board were approved as published.

Dianne Metli delivered the report of the Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance. The Alliance Board Annual Report is included in the Board Packet. The Alliance held their annual meeting at the Pettigrew Home and Museum on January 28. There were 26 members in attendance. The program for the evening was the dress rehearsal of the Murder Mystery.

Bill Hoskins presented the financial report for December 31, 2015. He also summarized the 2016 budget for the Siouxland Heritage Museums. Bill briefly reviewed the schedule for the development of the 2017 Budget.

Bill Hoskins briefly reviewed the 2015 Annual Report and highlighted the following areas:

Record Attendance for the Siouxland Heritage Museums up 5.5% over 2014.

Staff was stable with no loss or gain. Two paid and two unpaid Interns during the year and a record number of Volunteers and Volunteer Hours.

Building improvements and Maintenance included new telephone systems, replacement flooring in the breakroom, and several offices at the Old Courthouse Museum. Two new HVAC units at the Pettigrew. As well as repairs to steam traps and lighting in both buildings.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered the Director's Report for January, 2016. Bill highlighted some of the activities of the past month:

Murder Mystery is sold out for January and February dates.

Del Kroon was appointed to a three year term on the Museum Board by Minnehaha County.



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PBS Dakota Life programs in January and again at the end of the February will feature the Museums.

Bill gave Behind the Scenes Tours to Commissioner Jean Bender and Commission Assistant Carol Muller.

Bill also mentioned some upcoming activities including the new exhibit at the Pettigrew scheduled to open on March 10; the National History Day Competition at the Old Courthouse Museum on March 22. (Judges are needed). St. Patrick's Day Dance on March 17 and the Courtroom Floor refinishing on February 22.

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.

Old Business Bill Hoskins reported that on Tuesday, February 2 the Minnehaha County Building Committee authorized the staff to pursue a lease agreement for the Cell Phone Tower on the Museum Land and bring it back to the Commission for review..

March 2, at 11:30 AM was set for the time for the Museum Board Finance Committee to meet to review the 2017 Budget request.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:23 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"*