



Minutes

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, May 2, 2019, 11:30 AM

Program Room, Pettigrew Home and Museums, 131 N. Duluth Avenue

Board Present: Tim Schendel, Kim Kobblank, Arthur Kriens, Nikki Gronli, Liz Squyer, Greg Olsen, Dianne Metli, Allison Struck, Pat Starr, Jeff Barth, Roger Terveen

Board Absent: None

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Craig Dewey

Arthur Kriens called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

The Minutes of the April Meeting were provided electronically to the board. Tim moved the minutes be adopted as printed. Roger seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

There were no comments from the public. Bill Hoskins passed around recent media stories about the Museums and shared a story about a recent inquiry about exhibit from 40 years ago.

Greg Olsen delivered a report on the Museum Alliance. The Annual Volunteer Banquet was postponed due to the snow and will be held on May 9 at 6:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Old Courthouse Museum.

Kim Kobblank delivered the report of the Museum Board's Visitor Experience Committee which met on April 16. Minutes to the Committee Meeting were provided to the full board. The committee recommended changes in fee structure for certain Museum Programs, Rented traveling Exhibits and space rentals. Dianne moved to accept the report and recommendations of the committee and approve the recommended fee changes. Jeff seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum budgets as of May 1, 2019. Jeff moved to accept the financial report. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a report on the Museum Operation over the last month. Highlights include: Attendance at the end of April is up 14% over 2019. Staff presented 48 programs on and off site in April to 2,062 people, and an additional 75 guided tours of the Pettigrew Historic House.



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The Museum Resource Center, continued problems with the humidification, heating and cooling systems. The move to the Museum Resource Center is going well. Approximately 90,000 of artifacts have been moved. The re-location of the collections continues in 2019. The exhibits office has moved from first floor to third floor and the old exhibit office is being prepared for use as a public exhibit gallery. Museum Summer Interns have been hired and will start after Memorial Day. Fund raising for the summer concert season is going well with over \$2,000 raised to date and \$4500 pledged. Planning for summer programming and exhibits is in progress.

The Board Collections Committee will be meeting on May 22 at Noon at the Irene hall Museum Resource Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:19.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, June 6, 2019.

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”*