



Minutes

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, October 1, 2020, 11:30 AM

Conference Room, Irene Hall Museum Resource Center, 4300 N. Westport Avenue

Board Present: Tim Schendel, Liz Squyer, Nikki Gronli, Dianne Metli, Jerry Beckler, Greg Olsen, Roger Buechler,

Board Absent: Pat Starr, Jeff Barth, Kim Kobblank, Allison Struck

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, David Bixler

Tim Schendel called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

Minutes of the September 10 meeting were approved as published.

There was no public input. Bill passed around a survey sheet on one of the Traveling Exhibits which was on loan from the Siouxland heritage Museums to Fort Sisseton State Park for the summer.

Greg Olsen delivered a brief report on the Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance. He mentioned the ticket sales for the Woodlawn by Lantern Program October 22, 23, 24. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the old Courthouse Museum. The next meeting of the Alliance Board is scheduled for Thursday, October 8.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum budgets as of September 30, 2020. Jerry noted that the budget figures for the Pettigrew and Old Courthouse Museum Maintenance Budgets has not been updated since September 3. The Operations and Irene Hall Maintenance Budgets have been updated to September 30. Bill will have updated figures for the next meeting.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a report on the Museum Operation over the last month. Highlights include: Work on upgrading Past Perfect the collections Management Program, the donation of an architectural drawing collection from Koch Hazard Architects. Final design and production of a new exhibit to open at the Pettigrew Home and Museum the beginning of December. Bill discussed some of the challenges and success the Museum has had since resuming Educational Programming in July. Staff is looking ahead to the fall and planning programming to be featured in the



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November/December Museum's Report. Bill discussed the American Association for States and Local History's (AASLH) Visitors Count program which the Museum was scheduled to begin in April. The museum collected 105 surveys in the first round of surveys which ended September 6. The second round of surveys has begun and is going until December. A report should be completed early next year.

Bill provided a brief update on the Annual Meeting of the Mountain Plains Museum Association which is scheduled to meeting in Sioux Falls in the Fall, 2021.

Bill reported that the Collections Committee would be meeting on Tuesday, October 6 at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center at 11:00 AM.

Tim asked if we had conducted the Structural Survey of the Old Courthouse Museum yet this year. Bill said that it had happened in February, but we have not yet received a report or paid a bill for the survey. He will check up on the survey and report at the next meeting.

Time asked if the Museum would be hosting the election staff on November 3. Bill said yes, that County Auditor Bob Litz had requested use of the Courtroom on second floor of the Old Courthouse Museum from 7 AM to 7 PM for opening of absentee ballots. Dianne commented upon her experience absentee voting and touring the exhibits at the Old Courthouse Museum.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, November 5, 2020, 11:30 AM at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center, 4300 N. Westport Avenue.

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"*

