



Minutes

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, March 11, 2021, 11:30 AM

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

Board Present: Roger Buechler, Tim Schendel, Pat Starr, Jerry Beckler, (in-person) Liz Squyer, Nikki Gronli, Dianne Metli, Jeff Barth and Kim Koblack (present via Zoom)

Board Absent: Greg Olsen, Allison Struck

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director

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

Jerry moved to adopt the minutes of the February 4, 2021 Museum Board meeting. Nikki seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Public Input: Bill circulated several news stories featuring the Siouxland Heritage Museums buildings and exhibits.

There was no Alliance Report.

Jerry, Dianne and Liz reported on the meeting of the Museum Facilities Committee on Tuesday, February 9. The group toured the Pettigrew Home and Museum from top to bottom and discussed some of the immediate projects and long term needs of the structure. The group discussed the need to have a current long range maintenance plan which projected the costs and projects for the next 10 years. A draft plan for the Old Courthouse Museum is being reviewed by the committee.

Bill presented the Annual Report for the Museum Special Enterprise Fund for 2020. Dianne moved that the report to be approved and forwarded to the Sioux Falls City Council and Minnehaha County Commission. Roger seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

The Museum Board Finance Committee met on February 25 to review and discuss the Museum Budget requests for 2022. Bill briefly reviewed the budget requests for the Pettigrew Maintenance Budget, Old Courthouse Museum Maintenance Budget, Irene Hall Museum Resource Center Maintenance Budget, the Museum Special Enterprise Fund and Museum Store Fund. Jerry moved the recommendation of the budgets as presented. Roger seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote. Bill does not yet have Human Resources numbers required to complete the Museum Operation Budget. The board reviewed



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the non-HR Operations Budget request. Bill will present the entire Operation Budget request to the board when he receives numbers from the County.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum budget balances as of March 2, 2021. Dianne moved to approve the financial report. Kim 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: Planning programming and exhibits for the late spring and summer of 2021. The Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance will hold their Annual Meeting on April 8 at 5:30 PM at the Old Courthouse Museum. The Murder Mystery will be held April 9, 10, 16, 17 at the Old Courthouse Museum. Tickets go on sale March 15. Registration for the Pioneer Day Camp, Victorian Girls Day and Tea time for Girls Camp opened on March 1. The Museum Volunteer Recognition Banquet is scheduled for April 22. The Municipal Band Exhibit closed on March 15 at the Old Courthouse Museum. A new exhibit on Pheasants will open on April 15. Grant Edgecomb, Custodian announced his retirement effective March 19. The position will be posted in March.

Bill briefly updated the Board on the planning for the Annual Meeting of the Mountain Plains Museum Association October 5-8, 2021 in Sioux Falls.

Bill reported that all the sealed visitor surveys for the American Association for State and Local History's "Visitors Count" program have been completed and shipped to Nashville. We should receive a report and benchmarking later in the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, April 1, 2021, 11:30 AM at the Old Courthouse Museum, 200 W. 6th Street and via Zoom.

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"*

