



Minutes

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, May 6, 2021, 11:30 AM

Law Library, Old Courthouse Museum, 200 W. 6th Street

Board Present: Roger Buechler, Dianne Metli, Jerry Beckler, Tim Schendel, Nikki Gronli, Jeff Barth, Greg Olsen (in-person), Liz Squyer, (present via Zoom)

Board Absent: Pat Starr, Kim Koblack, Allison Struck

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director

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

Dianne moved to adopt the minutes of the April 1, 2021 Museum Board meeting. Greg seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Public Input: Bill circulated advertisement on Summer camps with some great photos of Museum Programs.

Greg briefly report for the Museum Alliance. The Volunteer Banquet was held on April 22, at the Old Courthouse Museum. The Alliance pork raffle will take place this summer with a drawing on July 20. It looks like the Historic Homes Tour will be a go. Plans need to be finalized for Tuesday, July 20.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum budget balances as of May 3, 2021. Jeff moved to approve the financial report. Dianne 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. Into the Pit Quarry Tours will be held in May and June. Pre-registration is required and seats are still available. Victorian Girls Day Camp at the Pettigrew is full for July. Performances for the 13 summer concerts at the Old Courthouse Museum are booked and start on June 4. The Pheasant Exhibit was completed on April 2 and it opened to the public on the 3rd Floor Hallway at the Old Courthouse Museum. The Museum received a copy of the AASLH Visitor Count Report benchmarking the Museums. Adam and Bill had a 4 hour zoom meeting with AASLH regarding the survey results and interpretation. They will come to the Museum Board after the presentation at the Visitor Experience Committee Meeting on June 6. Construction on the County Campus next door to the Old Courthouse Museum and on Main Avenue



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for the summer will result in some visitor challenges at the Old Courthouse Museum. The old van has departed for surplus. Museum Summer Interns will start on May 24 and June 7. Both interns are USD students. New PT Museum Aides in training. Custodian interviews went well background checks and references progressing on two candidates.

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 circulated a copy of the draft program for the conference.

The Board discussed upcoming Board Committee meeting dates. The Visitor Experience Committee will meet at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center on June 3 at 10:00 AM. The Board Facilities Committee will meet on June 23 at 10:00 AM at the Old Courthouse Museum. The Marketing Committees will meet in early summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:14.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, June 3, 2021, 11:30 AM at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center, 4300 N. Westport Avenue 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”*

