



Minutes

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, September 2, 2021

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

Board Present: Pat Starr, Greg Olsen, Roger Buechler, Jerry Beckler, Tim Schendel, Jeff Barth, Kim Koblank,

Board Absent: Liz Squyer, Nikki Gronli, Allison Struck

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director;

Tim Schendel called the meeting to order at 11:33 AM.

Jerry moved to adopt the minutes of the August 5, 2021 Museum Board Meeting. Roger seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Public Input: Bill passed around a comment sheet about a past rental.

Greg briefly reported for the Museum Alliance. The Historic Homes Tour was held on July 20 and the exhibit opening reception for “Beehives and Smokey Eyes” on August 12.

Greg delivered the report for the Collections Committee which met on August 25 at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center. Greg and Roger complimented Jessie Nesseim, Curator of Collections on her performance in managing the Museum Collection. The committee reviewed a number of objects recommended for de-accession from the Museum’s Collection. Greg made a motion to approve the Committees recommendation for the objects to be de-accessioned. Kim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tim delivered the report of the Museum Endowment Committee which met on August 31, at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center. The balance of the Museum Endowment at the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation as of June 30, 2021 was \$2,278,266 an increase over the last fiscal year of \$559,528. The Museum can draw up to 5% of the average balance over the last twelve quarters. The committee reviewed the balance history, staff recommendations and budgets. Pat moved that the board draw \$76,000 from the fund to be used for Exhibit Development (\$11,000), Collections Management (\$19,500), Marketing (\$10,000), Staff and Intern Hours (\$19,500), Stain Glass Window Restoration (\$10,000), New Lawn Mower (\$5,000) and improved Gallery Lighting (\$1,000). Jerry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



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Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum budget balances as of August 30, 2021. Generally, we are at approximately 43% of budget currently available in the various funds. Jeff moved to approve the financial report. Roger 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: The Museum Budget for 2022 was adopted in the Joint Budget Hearing on August 24. The new exhibit “Beehives and Smokey Eyes; from the Barber shop to the Bathroom” opened on August 12. Summer programming went well and was well attended. Pettigrew walk-in attendance in July was the best in the last ten years. Lots of tourists. Bill reviewed the Museum on and off site programming numbers. Off site programs in the schools have been shut down for a year. Staff are getting bookings for programs in schools for the fall.

Bill briefly updated the Board on the Annual Meeting of the Mountain Plains Museum Association October 5-8, 2021 in Sioux Falls. As of September 2, over 140 people had pre-registered for the Conference. Original pre-Covid goal for registration was 300. Justin Jakovic, MPMA Director feels that we will have close to 200 for the Conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, October 14, 2021, 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”*