



Minutes

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, October 14, 2021

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

Board Present: Pat Starr, Greg Olsen, Roger Buechler, Jerry Beckler, Tim Schendel, Jeff Barth, Kim Koblank, Liz Squyer, Nikki Gronli, Allison Struck

Board Absent: None

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director;

Kim Koblank called the meeting to order at 11:33 AM.

Jerry moved to adopt the minutes of the September 2, 2021 Museum Board Meeting. Jeff seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Public Input: Bill passed around two e-mail comments on Museum Programs.

Greg briefly reported for the Museum Alliance. He mentioned the Alliance Board Meeting at 5:15 on October 14. He mentioned some of the Alliance activities over the summer including the Pork Raffle and the Historic Homes Tour.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum budget balances as of October 1, 2021. Generally, we are at approximately 30% of budget currently available in the various funds. Jeff moved to approve the financial report. Roger seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Kim passed the gavel to Board Chair Tim Schendel.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a report on the Museum Operation over the last month. Highlights include: Attendance over the 3rd Quarter of 2021 is approaching the attendance of 2018/2019. Rental events are fewer and smaller even though the business is on the uptick. Fall programming has been busy. Into the Pit Quarry tours are over for the year. Haunted Bus Tours in October are sold out. The Woodlawn by Lantern Tour starts tonight and runs through Saturday. Tickets for Thursday are sold out. Some tickets still available for Friday and Saturday. Bill commented on the generosity of the Cemetery to continue to work with the museum on this program. The Halloween Party will be held at the Old Courthouse Museum on Sunday, October 31. Judges are needed for the costume contest at 3:00 PM.



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Contact Kevin for details. School Programming has started again. The updated Educational Services booklet is back from the printer and will be going out to the schools next week.

Bill briefly updated the Board on the Annual Meeting of the Mountain Plains Museum Association October 5-8, 2021 in Sioux Falls. The Mountain Plains region includes, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana. The opening reception for the conference was held at the Old Courthouse Museum. Museum professional also toured the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center, Pettigrew Home and Museum, Washington Pavilion of Arts and Science, Center for Western Studies, Good Earth State Park as well as regional museums in Vermillion, Mitchell and Brookings.

Jeff Barth briefly discussed some of the discussions taking place in County government in regards to the Coliseum.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, November 4, 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”*