



Minutes

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, November 4, 2021

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

Board Present: Greg Olsen, Jerry Beckler, Tim Schendel, Jeff Barth, Liz Squyer, Allison Struck

Board Absent: Kim Kobblank, Pat Starr, Nikki Gronli, Roger Buechler

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director;

Kim Kobblank called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

Jerry moved to adopt the minutes of the October 14, 2021 Museum Board Meeting. Jeff seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Public Input: None

Greg briefly reported for the Museum Alliance. He mentioned the Alliance Board Meeting at 5:15 on November 18. He mentioned some of the Alliance activities upcoming including the new exhibit opening on November 18, the winter concert series and the Holiday Open House at the Pettigrew.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum budget balances as of November 1, 2021. Generally, we are at approximately 30% of budget currently available in the various funds. Jeff moved to approve the financial report. Jerry 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: Haunted Bus Tours in October were sold out. The Woodlawn by Lantern Tour was well attended. Bill commented on the generosity of Woodlawn Cemetery to continue to work with the museum on this program. The Halloween Party was held at the Old Courthouse Museum on Sunday, October 31 for 1,414 people. Human Resources the Minnehaha County Commission voted Tuesday to increase the Part Time minimum wage from \$9.70 to \$12.00 for 2022. This impacts seven museum part time employees. The County Commission also voted to increase the planned Pay Matrix Adjustment from 2.5% to 3 % for 2022. Group Health Insurance for the County in 2022 will increase 5% instead of the budgeted 15%. The commission will use the savings to cover the matrix adjustment. It should have minimal impact on the Museum 2022 budget. June 19th will be a County Holiday in 2022. An



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anonymous donation of \$150,000 was made to the Museum Endowment at the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation in October.

New Track Lighting was installed in Gallery I, on the First Floor of the Old Courthouse Museum in October. The energy efficient lights are activated by motion in the Exhibit Gallery. Similar track lighting will be installed in the west half of 2nd Floor Gallery of the Pettigrew Museum in November. Rodney Scott will be starting a restoration project on the stained glass windows at the Old Courthouse Museum in November. The first phase of the project will involve removing five of the sixty-one windows, cleaning and repairing them. The “Designing Sioux Falls” exhibit is being installed in Gallery I at the Old Courthouse Museum. The exhibit opens November 18. Molly Engquist, Curator of Exhibits is doing design work for the City of Deadwood under contract. We have received several inquiries for the Pheasant Exhibit when it starts traveling in 2023 as a result of the Mountain Plains Museum Association Meeting. New Education Services booklet is out to schools and has been warmly received. The Old Courthouse Museum is hosting a Local Authors Book Fair – December 4. The Winter Concert Series starts on November 26 at Noon with the Hegg Brothers.

Bill briefly discussed the need for a meeting of the Visitor Experience Committee which included Pat, Nikki and Kim. Date and time of the meeting to be determined.

The board briefly discussed upcoming Board Changes for 2022. Tim Schendal is term limited and the County will need to advertise for a replacement. Nikki Gronli will be nominated for a second term as a County appointment. Diane Metli will be replaced by the Mayor,

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, December 2, 2021, 11:30 AM at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center, 4300 N. Westport Avenue.

Museum Mission: *“The Siouland Heritage Museums is dedicated to enhancing the experience of learning for our community, its families and visitors through collections, preservation and interpretation of history”*