



Minutes

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, February 3, 2022, 11:30 AM

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

Board Present: Pat Starr, Chris Brockevelt, Greg Olsen, Jerry Beckler, Nikki Gronli (in-person) Liz Squyer, Allison Struck, Kim Koblank, (present via Zoom)

Board Absent: Jeff Barth, Roger Buechler

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director

Nikki Gronli called the meeting to order at 11:31 AM.

Jerry moved to approve the minutes of the January 6 meeting. Greg seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Public Input: Bill passed around the Spring catalog for the Oher Lifelong Learn Institute, OLLI, at USD. The museum staff are teaching several classes.

Greg Olsen reported that the Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance held their Annual Meeting at the Pettigrew Home and Museum on Thursday, January 27. The program following the business meeting will be the dress rehearsal for the Murder Mystery. Bill briefly reviewed a Power Point presentation on the Alliance Annual Report.

Nikki delivered the report of the Visitor Experience Committee which met at the Pettigrew Museum on January 27. She reported on the staff overview of the Exhibits Program for the Siouxland Heritage Museums and the production of the "Radiomen" exhibit scheduled to open in April 14. Nikki reported that Kevin Gansz, Curator of Education, briefly reviewed educational programs in 2021 and what is coming in 2022. The Committee reviewed proposed fee changes recommended by Kevin Gansz for some of Museum programming. The Visitor Experience Committee recommend to the Museum Board the new fee schedule for programming. Pat Starr moved the Board accept the recommendations of the Committee. Greg Olsen seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Greg Olsen delivered the report of the Collections Committee which met at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center on February 2, 2022. He reported that Jessie Nesseim, Curator of Collections, gave out copies of the Collections Management Policy for review. Jessie discussed updates on Past Perfect Web Edition being used by staff and volunteers for collections management. Jessie delivered an update on



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Conservation Projects; The Kayak was removed from exhibition in 2021 amid concerns over a enlarging seem separation. Jessie has been seeking recommendations for a conservator to treat the Kayak. Two, two wheeled carts were treated at Hanson Wheelwright and Wagon in Letcher in 2021. And two 16mm film reels of the Tuthill House were taken to Harold's for digitization; a possible future discussion of what other film we may want to digitize. Jessie has been in contact with the Gerald R. Ford Conservation Center in Omaha, Nebraska in regards to coming to Sioux Falls to evaluate the treatment needs of a number of artifacts at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center. The estimated cost of the treatment proposals is \$4,500. Bill and Jessie reviewed some potential upcoming artifact donations and their implications. The committee reviewed items eligible for Deaccession and removal from the collection. Items listed on attached list. The committee recommends the Museum Board to deaccession and disposal of the artifacts. The committee toured the storage to look at artifacts returned from conservation. Jerry moved that the Board accept the recommendations of the Collections Committee. Greg seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum 2021 Budget balances as of the end of the 13th Month, January 31, 2022. All budgets ended the year in the black. Pat asked several questions about different expense line items and what was spent or not spent and why. The Marketing Budget was under spent in part because there was very little in the way of activities in the first five months of 2021 due to COVID restrictions. Jerry moved to accept the financial report. Greg 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 Siouxland Heritage Museums Enterprise Fund received payment for an exhibit on Mount Mariah Cemetery we produced on contract for the City of Deadwood. January Concerts, Friday Noon, at the Old Courthouse Museum have been well attended. Tickets for the Murder Mystery at the Pettigrew Home and Museum on January 28, 29 and February 4,5 are sold out. Exhibit staff is working on a new exhibition on the WW II Radio Training School which open April 14 at the Old Courthouse Museum. Bill reported upon the minor repairs at the Old Courthouse Museum, Pettigrew Museum and the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center which occurred in January.

The Board set Committee Meeting dates for the Executive Committee to meet on March 1, and The Finance Committee on March 10. The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, March 10, 2022, 11:30 AM at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center, 4300 N. Westport Avenue and via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:44.

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”*

