



## Minutes

### Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, May 5, 2022, 11:30 AM

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

Board Present: Allison Struck, Chris Brockevelt, Jerry Beckler, Roger Buechler, Chris Brockevelt, Greg Olsen, Liz Squyer, Pat Starr

Board Absent: Jeff Barth, Kim Kobblank

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director

Jerry Beckler called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

Liz moved to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Allison seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Public Input: Bill passed around an e-mail from a patron regarding the Museum Offerings.

Greg Olsen reported that the Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance was planning for the Historic Homes Tour on Tuesday, July 19. We have four houses line up for the tour. The Alliance also sponsored the Radioman Exhibit celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the US Army Air Corps Radio Training School in Sioux Falls, 1942-1945, which opened on April 14 on the second floor of the Old Courthouse Museum. The Alliance is planning a raffle for the summer. The drawing will be during the Pettigrew Birthday Party on July 19.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, presented a financial update to the board regarding Museum Budget as of May 2, 2022. Bill stated that at the end of the first quarter the budgets are tracking well. Bill did comment on the March 29 decision of the Minnehaha County Commission to change the pay matrix, which resulted in a 7% increase in pay for the Museum Full Time Staff effective April 2, 2022. This will make the Human Resource Budgets appear to be over budget. The County will supplement budgets at the end of the year and settle with the City during the annual true up. Bill reviewed the building maintenance budgets and commented on the cost of utilities vs. budget. Bill also passed out and reviewed an updated Budget overview for 2023 with the recent changes in the HR Budget.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a report on the Museum Operation over the last month. Highlights include: Attendance for April of 2022 was double that of 2021. Museum staff presented 44 programs on and off site to 1,725 people in April. The staff presented 108 tours of the historic Pettigrew



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Home in April. The staff completed the “Radiomen” exhibit on the WW II Radio Training School in Sioux Falls on April 14. Two of the Museum’s traveling exhibits are out on loan, the “Tipi” is at the Downtown Library in Sioux Falls. The “Flag” is at the Clay County Historical Society in Spencer, Iowa. The Final Design for Yankton College exhibit contract has been approved and the exhibit is in production for installation the end of June, 2022. The restoration of the first five stain glass windows for the Old Courthouse Museum have been completed and will return the beginning of June. There are 61 stained glass windows at the Old Courthouse Museum. The restoration is being paid for by the Museum Endowment Funds. The Siouxland Heritage Museums Annual Volunteer Banquet was held at the Old Courthouse Museum, Tuesday, April 19, 2022. Approximately half of the 116 volunteers were in attendance. Bill met with County Facilities Director Mark Kriens to discuss capitol maintenance projects for the Old Courthouse Museum. Topics included the roof, windows, tuckpointing, wheelchair ramp, stained glass windows and steam system. Tasks were divided up and Mark is checking on funding. Summer program registration is open and a number are filling quickly. The Into the Pit Tour done in cooperation with the Knife River quarry is just about full for May and June after two days.

Jay Ci Holsing, Augustana University Senior is wrapping up her internship for college credit in early May. The Museum has hired three Interns for the summer Ellen Dow, Gustavus Adolphus, Hailey Handevitd of Augustana University and Brooke Norgaard of University of Sioux Falls. Interns work 40 hours per week for 12 weeks.

Jerry Beckler, Museum Board Chair asked if Chris Brockevelt would accept the position of Vice Chair of the Museum Board. Chris accepted.

Pat Starr suggested that Bill contact Jim David and offer tours of the Museum to the new City Council members.

The Board set Committee Meeting date for the Collections Committee for June 2 at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center. The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, June 2, 2022, 11:30 AM at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center, 4300 N. Westport Avenue.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58.

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”*

