



Minutes

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, July 7, 2022, 11:30 AM

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

Board Present: Jerry Beckler, Greg Olsen, Liz Squyer, Jeff Barth, Chris Brockevelt, Roger Buechler, Kim Koblank

Board Absent: Pat Starr, Allison Struck,

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director; Jessie Nesseim, Curator of Collections

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

Kim moved to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Liz seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Public Input: Bill passed around an on-line article 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 is planning a raffle for the summer. Raffle tickets were passed out to the Museum Board. The drawing will be during the Pettigrew Birthday Party on July 19.

Jerry Beckler asked Jessie Nesseim to review the Collections Committee Meeting of July 7, 2022. Jessie mentioned the progress with the Past Perfect Collections Management program in the cloud.

Approximately 62,000 objects are now searchable through the Museum website. A conservator from the Gerald R. Ford Center will be at the Irene hall Museum Resource Center to look at and access artifacts for conservation treatment on August 4 and 5.

There was an extensive discussion of the bound newspapers acquired from the Argus Leader. The donation included original bound newspapers from the Argus Leader, Sioux Falls Press, Sioux Falls Independent, Brandon and Dell Rapids newspapers. I also included the photo archives and microfilm of the Argus Leader. The Museum has retained the best physical copy of the Argus Leader. We have microfilm copies as well and digital copies are available via Newspapers.com. The discussion centered around the disposal of the duplicate Argus Leader bound newspapers. Jessie has checked with the Siouxland Libraries, and The South Dakota State Historical Society. Neither organization is interested in additional copies. In addition, the Sioux Falls Press is available in original bound form, and the Siouxland Libraries has the Sioux Falls Press on microfilm. The Press is not available yet in a digital



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format. Jessie has been in contact with Newspapers.com and they have offered several options. One is to ship them the physical newspapers for digitalization. The second is to enter into an agreement where they send us a scanner and we scan the papers ourselves and they get the scans of the papers. A draft contract will be sent to the State's Attorney for review and comment and will come back to the Museum Board for review before making a recommendation. Jessie also recommended the removal from the collections of a number of broken and undocumented items from the Museum. The Collections Committee recommended to the Museum Board to dispose of the broken and damaged artifacts as recommended by the Museum Collections Staff. Kim moved to accept the report of the Collections Committee. Liz seconded the motion. The Motion passed on vote.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, presented a financial update to the board regarding Museum Budget as of July 3, 2022. Bill stated that at the end of the first half of the year 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 Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a report on the Museum Operation over the last month. Highlights include: Museum staff presented 28 programs on and off site to over 1,000 people in June including Pioneer Day Camp at Beaver Creek nature Area, Into the Pit Quarry Tours and Historic Walking Tours. The staff presented 194 tours of the historic Pettigrew Home in May. One of the Museum's traveling exhibits is out on loan; The "Flag" is at the Clay County Historical Society in Spencer, Iowa. The Museum Exhibit staff was working on the installation of an exhibit for Yankton College In Yankton in June. The restoration of the first five stain glass windows for the Old Courthouse Museum have been completed and will return the beginning of July. There are 61 stained glass windows at the Old Courthouse Museum. The restoration is being paid for by the Museum Endowment Funds. Bill reviewed the damage at the Museum Resource Center from the storms on June 20 and July 5. Repair costs will have a significant impact on the building maintenance budgets. The HVAC hood blown off the high roof is estimated to cost \$9,800 to replace. Repairs to the rubber roof have been completed. Repairs to the siding and roof copping are as of yet unknown.

Kim Kobblank commented on the "Tipi" exhibit which was at the Downtown Branch of the Siouxland Libraries in April and May. Kim said the exhibit was very well received.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, August 4, 2022, 11:30 AM at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center, 4300 N. Westport Avenue.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.

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”*