



Minutes

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, August 4, 2022, 11:30 AM

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

Board Present: Jerry Beckler, Greg Olsen, Allison Struck, Chris Brockevelt, Roger Buechler, Kim Koblank

Board Absent: Liz Squyer, Pat Starr, Jeff Barth,

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director

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

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

Public Input: Bill passed around an on-line article regarding the Sioux Falls the Divorce Colony. It mentions the Old Courthouse Museum. A new book by Amber White on the Divorce Colony was also featured. The Author will be presenting a program at the Old Courthouse Museum this fall.

Greg Olsen, Alliance President, reported that the Historic Homes Tour on Tuesday, July 19 was attended by 472 people, a record number. The Meat Raffle brought in approximately \$980 and addition cash donations of \$155 for that evening.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, presented a financial update to the board regarding Museum Budget as of August 1, 2022. Bill stated that at the 2022 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 also commented that the storm damage at the Museum Resource Center will cause the maintenance budget to require a supplement. Bill also hand out a updated Summary sheet for the 2023 budget. The County Commission has budgeted an additional change of 5% to the pay matrix effective 2023. On July 226 the County Commission voted to raise the minimum wage for variable hour part time staff to \$15.00 per hour effective September 3, 2022. The matrix adjustments will increase the HR Budget by approximately \$167,822.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a report on the Museum Operation over the last month. Highlights include: Museum staff presented 27 programs on and off site to over 1899 people in July



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including Victorian Day Camp at the Pettigrew, Tea Time, Into the Pit Quarry Tours, Historic Walking Tours and the Pettigrew Birthday Party on July 19. The staff presented 221 tours of the historic Pettigrew Home in May.

One of the Museum's traveling exhibits was out on loan; The "Flag" is at the Clay County Historical Society in Spencer, Iowa. It was returned on July 28. The "Native American Tools" exhibit is closed. The exhibit gallery will be cleaned and a new exhibit "Connecting with the Natural World" will open in the Gallery on September 8. The restoration of the first five stain glass windows for the Old Courthouse Museum has been completed and they were returned and re-installed on July 12. 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. The fence repair will be approximately 4,800. Repairs to the siding and roof copping are scheduled for early August. Jessie Nesseim, Curator of Collections, submitted a proposal to the Institute of Museum and Library Services to conduct a Conservation Assessment Program survey. If received an independent surveyor would assess the long-range conservation needs of the Museum Collection. The survey would take place in 2023 with a report in late 2023 or early 2024.

Bill also handed out an analysis of the 2nd Quarter attendance at the Pettigrew and Old Courthouse of those who signed the Guest Books. The analysis indicates visitors from 45 states and 8 foreign countries at the Pettigrew and 44 states and 12 foreign counties at the Old Courthouse Museum.

The Museum's Endowment Committee will meet at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center on August 31, 2022 at 11:30 AM. The Museum's Visitor Experience Committee will meet at the Old Courthouse Museum on September 21, at 11:30 AM. The Museum's Collections Committee will meet at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center on November 3 at 9:30 AM.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, September 1, 2022, 11:30 AM at the Pettigrew Home and Museum, 131 North Duluth Avenue.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 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"*

