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MINUTES

**Board Meeting - Siouxland Heritage Museums
Thursday, October 2, 2008 - 11:30 am
Old Courthouse Museum**

Present: Julie Risty, Kermit Staggers, Bob Kolbe, Dianne Metli, Kari Hall, Gloria Houle, Sandy Dean
Absent: Jon Lauck, Pat McGreevy, Tim Schendel, Glenda Schmid

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dianne Metli at 11:30 am.

II. Minutes of September Meeting

A motion was made by Houle, second by Hall to approve the September 2008 minutes. Motion passed.

III. Public Input

Kari Hall reported on the Presidential Volunteer awards that were received by Kari and Bob Brown, another volunteer for the museums. Bill reported that the county commission has asked Kari and Bob to be present at a commission meeting to recognize them.

Bill presented a picture of the stone cleaning work being done at the Coliseum.

IV. Reports

A. Museum Alliance – Kari Hall

Kari reported that the Annual Meeting has been scheduled for January 15, 2009. We will have a closed budget that will be presented. We have received a very nice donation for the Cruisin' Cuisine exhibit opening on September 16, 2008.

B. Minnehaha County Historical Society – Bob Kolbe

Bob Kolbe, President of the Minnehaha County Historical Society, reported. Ed Munson, who is a member of the society, is working on the SD Central Railroad. He and I did a presentation at Lake Norden. He is encouraging him to write a book on it. They had 75 people attend.

The Historical Society is sponsoring the antique show & sale the weekend of October 11 and 12 at the Expo Building. On Saturday, Bob Barr, a gentleman from North Dakota, is going to speak about North Dakota pottery and then there will be pottery identification after his presentation.

C. Financial Report – September 2008

Bill presented the Financial Report. See the Financial Report.

D. Director's Report

Bill presented highlights from his Director's Report.

- September was a very busy month with good attendance.
- WWII exhibit opened Sept. 4th with over 100 in attendance.
- Homesteader Day on Sept 7th had over 1200 in attendance. We have been doing this for 30 years in conjunction with the State Parks.
- We hosted the 21st annual Tribal Arts which the museums have been involved with for 21 years, and actually 19 have been hosted at the Old Courthouse Museum.
- We interviewed for the Curator of Collections position. Lisa Studts was hired for the position. She began September 15, 2008.
- April is out on maternity leave until the end of October.
- The Collections Assistant and Education Assistant positions have been advertised. Interviews will be the week of October 5, 2008.
- The Drive-Inns exhibit will open October 16th.
- The Haunted Trolley Tours are during October. Next year may be a different format – Mount Pleasant Cemetery Tour.
- Halloween Party will be Friday, October 31st.
- Dr Joseph Dondelinger gave a program on the town he grew up in, Luxembourg, Germany, and the Battle of the Bulge.
- In September we did an intercept survey of visitors.

V. Regular Business

A. Annual Review – Museum Rental Policy

Board members were given a chance to review the Rental Policy for the Old Courthouse House and the Pettigrew Home & Museum, and to let it be known if any changes were needed. The board did not have any changes to make at this time.

B. Pettigrew Mausoleum

Bill reported that he was called by Gary Conradi, a board member of the Woodlawn Cemetery Association and they have a concern. The R.F. Pettigrew mausoleum has some major maintenance issues. Mr. Conradi said that the marble ceiling inside is sagging and one of the crypt doors was broken and needs repaired or replaced. He also mentioned about cleaning the exterior of the building. They are not a private, non-profit. Gary said he has talked to someone with the Daughters of the American Revolution about the possibility of a grant and the person said if the museum was

willing to work with the cemetery, perhaps a grant could come to either the Alliance or the Museum and there would be a way of passing through money for the repairs that way. Bill is going to their next board meeting. If it was on the register there would be a possibility of Deadwood Funds. The next DAR grant cycle is January. A motion was made by Kolbe, second by Hall that the board give Bill permission to research, get costs and anything needed on the repair of the Pettigrew Mausoleum and report back to the Museum Board. Motion passed.

C. Collection Research Center Update

Bill has made a presentation to the City Council. Bill said he needs some consultation on a time line. Bill said he has been thinking about a time line that if he was given the go ahead today to get an architect and start the process, what time of perspective would it be from the go ahead day to the day to move in. It's between 18 to 20 months. Bill, Kermit and Bob Kolbe will meet October 9th for discussion.

D. Other

VI. Staff Report – Lisa Studts – Curator of Collections

Lisa reported on the work she has been doing since she became Curator of Collections. Lisa is from Marshalltown, Iowa, went to College of St Benedict's in St Joseph, Minnesota and graduate school at Eastern Illinois University, then internship at Astoria, Oregon at the Clatsop County Historical Society. The board welcomed Lisa to the museum staff.

VII. Adjourn

A motion made by Kolbe, second by Houle to adjourn. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by:

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