

MISSION OF THE SIOUXLAND HERITAGE MUSEUMS

“The Siouxland Heritage Museums is dedicated to enhancing the experience of learning for our community, its families and visitors, through collection, preservation, and interpretation of history”

MINUTES

Board Meeting - Siouxland Heritage Museums
Thursday, February 7, 2008 - 11:30 am
Old Courthouse Museum

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

I. Call to Order

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

II. Minutes of January Meeting

A motion was made by Hall and a second by McGreevy to approve the January 2008 minutes. Motion passed.

III. Public Input

IV. Reports

A. Alliance

A copy of the Alliance Annual Report for 2007 was distributed; their annual meeting was held January 24, 2008. Bill explained the purpose of the Alliance.

The Alliance is preparing to have another pork raffle, May or June.

B. Financial

Bill presented the financial report for January 2008. See Financial Report.

C. Director

Bill gave highlights from the Director's Report

D. Annual Report – 2007

Bill presented information from the 2007 Annual Report. All in attendance received a copy of the Report.

V. Regular Business

Tim Schendel, a new board member was introduced

A letter, which was received by William J. Hoskins and the board of the Siouxland Heritage Museums from Robert and Kari Hall announcing their intention to donate 25 acres to the museum, was read. The letter is attached.

VI. Staff Report – Kevin Gansz

Kevin Gansz is Curator for the Education Department. He has been with the museums for 12 years. He explained what's happening in the Education Department (Interpretative Program). Curriculum is becoming a large part of our department as last spring the state put out new curriculum guidelines for all school districts. Kevin started on the steering committee just last year to look at the guidelines for social studies. He has now been asked to be a member of the elementary curriculum committee through the school district.

There has been renewed interest in school districts outside our region to come to the museums, but there are a lot of hindrances. He will work at getting to these districts when they are unable to come to Sioux Falls. We have had good comments about the murder mystery which was held at the Pettigrew. Dakota Costume owner wants to bring the show "12 Angry Men" to the Old Courthouse Museum in April.

A group which is called "The Informal Educators of the Siouxland" meets quarterly, and includes the Education Departments from the Zoo, Outdoor Campus, the Pavilion and the Siouxland Heritage Museums to partner with programs. Completing the Education Department staff is Jill Van Veldhuizen and Amber Christensen.

VII. Adjourn

A motion was made and second to adjourn. Motion passed.

Submitted by:

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