

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, April 2, 2009 - 11:30 am
Pettigrew Home & Museum

Present: Jon Lauck, Kermit Staggers, Carol Twedt, Pat McGreevy,
Dianne Metli, Kari Hall, Tim Schendel, Gloria Houle,
Sandy Dean,
Absent: Julie Risty, Glenda Schmid
Guest: Bob Kolbe-President/Minnehaha Co. Historical Society

I. Call to Order

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

II. Minutes of March Meeting

A motion was made by Schendel, second by Houle to approve the March 2009 minutes.

III. Public Input

None

IV. Reports

A. Alliance

Kari reported that they are reviewing their options for a fund raiser for this year.

Membership renewal notices are now being sent out four times a year (Jan, April, July, Oct) instead of each month.

The Alliance also sponsored the Annual Volunteer Banquet which was held March 26, 2009. The volunteer of the year is Rachelann Plucker.

B. Financial – March 2009

Bill presented the March 2009 Financial Report. See March report.

C. Director's Report

Bill gave highlights:

- The Annual Volunteer Banquet held on March 26th was successful; 80 people attended.
- Our St Patrick's Day format was changed this year due to the parade now being held on Saturday before St Patrick's Day. This year was a night of Irish music. It was very well attended – 300 people.
- We held another murder mystery at the Pettigrew – “Murder After Dinner” – the script was written by staff member, Paavo Rasmussen, and he also directed the play.
- A new custodian has been hired – Tammy Heath – she will begin April 14th. She was one of 264 applicants. We interviewed four.
- Our 2010 budget request has been turned in to the city in March.
- Attendance is up about 1500 people over this time last year.
- Bill will be attending the American Association of Museums Annual Meeting in Philadelphia in April as a speaker.

D. Museum Special Enterprise Fund Report

Bill distributed copies of the report. It has been filed with the Minnehaha County Auditor's office and will be brought before the County Commission at a later date. Bill gave the history of the Enterprise Fund and present status.

E. Other

Bob Kolbe reported that the Historical Society is in the position to help with the re-roofing of the school house at the fairgrounds.

V. Regular Business

A. Rental Policy

Marty Davidsohn, the Events Coordinator, has requested changing some of the language on contracts/fees in the Rental booklet. The present policy reads: “Cancellation of a contract may be subject to a penalty of 50% of all rental fees”. After discussion, a motion was made by Lauck, second by McGreevy to change the contract wordage as follows: “If the contract is cancelled within 14 days of the event, all fees are forfeited, and any modification of the contract that affects attendance and fees must be completed at least 14 days prior to the event”. Motion passed.

Tim Schendel made a motion, Hall seconded, that the policy as amended be changed in the contract. Motion passed.

B. Collections Research Center Update

Bill has met with Jay Vogt, Director of the SD State Historical Soc and talked about the center and he is also state historic preservation officer and also supervisor of the state archivist who Bill has also talked to. One of the issues with stimulus money (federal money) is if it's land that's never been built on before you have to complete Section 106, Archeological Survey of the Property before any construction can begin.

Bill then talked to Adrian Hannus at Augustana College and they will conduct the survey for \$925.00. The report will be completed by May 8, 2009.

County Commissioner, Jeff Barth, met with our congregational delegation in Washington, D.C. He took six of our project booklets with him. Jeff received an e-mail saying that they may be interested in including this in the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriation Bill for 2010. Minnehaha County submitted the request regarding the Collection Center for the total cost of construction plus the start-up cost.

Bill said he has received a number of letters supporting our collection center's effort. One is from Jay Vogt, another from the 2nd Judicial Circuit, one from the Register of Deeds, one from the Daughters of the American Revolution, and also from the Sioux Valley Genealogical Society and the Minnehaha County Historical Society.

C. Other

VI. Staff Report

VII. Adjourn

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

Submitted by:

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