

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, May 7, 2009 - 11:30 am

Old Courthouse Museum – Law Library

Present: Kermit Staggers, Carol Twedt, Pat McGreevy, Dianne Metli, Kari Hall, Tim Schendel, Gloria Houle, Sandy Dean
Absent: Julie Risty, Jon Lauck, Glenda Schmid
Staff: Bill Hoskins, Mary Lou Buddi, Tracy Seiner, Lisa Studts, Paavo Rasmussen

I. Call to Order

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

II. Minutes of April Meeting

A motion was made by Houle, second by Hall to approve the April 7, 2009 minutes. Motion passed.

III. Public Input

Bill thanked everyone for the support for their family as Bill's father, Dr John Hoskins, died April 30, 2009.

Bill reported that Bill Booker, museum preparator, has been with the museum for 30 years. Also Marty Davidsohn, Events Coordinator, will soon celebrate her 25th anniversary.

IV. Reports

A. Alliance

Kari Hall reported that the fund raiser will be a raffle for 10 - \$30 gift certificates from HyVee. They will be for sale by the June board meeting.

The Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance donated \$3,000 to assist the concerts this year.

B. Collections Committee

A proposed loan was sent to us and it was taken to the Collections Committee regarding a loan of a copy of the resolution desk that sits in the Oval Office of the White House. Bill distributed a copy of this item for the board to see. The Collections Committee reported that it does not fit into our mission and would present space problems in the Law Library for

events etc. The Collections Committee recommended to decline the loan. A motion was made by Schendel, second by McGreevy, to accept the Committee's recommendation.

Lisa reported and distributed a list of items that have been recommended by the Collections Committee to be deaccessioned. Most items are damaged. There were three motions made: 1) to deaccess and transfer to the props collection, 2) to deaccess all on the front of the page down to the un-numbered section, 3) to deaccess all except the turquoise cabinets and the metal parts. A motion was made by Hall, second by Schendel to accept the Collections Committee recommendations for deaccessioning the items requested, and the Christmas ornaments going to the Education Dept, and the other items be taken off the list.

C. Financial Report - April 2009

Bill reported the April 2009 Financial Report. See April report.

D. Director's Report

April was a good month starting out with the murder mystery at the Pettigrew Home & Museum. Paavo Rasmussen, Education Assistant, wrote the script and directed the play.

It was Norwegian month in April this year. A Norwegian group provided a concert and a Norwegian pioneer program was given by Ole Oleson. Approximately 200 attended the evening program.

Almost Forgotten Crafts was presented in April

E. Other

Bill reported that he has received a proposal from Kriens Construction for the replacement of the pavers in the plaza. The bid is \$23,729.00. The estimate to replace with pavers was \$172,000. The replacement will be cement.

V. Regular Business

A. Collections Research Center Update

The museum has submitted a request through the City's Capital Improvement Program for \$2 million. It's been submitted for 2014 because it's a 5-year plan. Bill met with a CIP Committee and presented the proposal. Bill said that the County was doing a long-range planning session recently and Bill's impression is that this is one of the County Commission's priority projects.

B. Summer Schedule

A motion was made by Twedt, second by Schendel to forgo our July meeting and if anything comes up, the Executive Committee has the permission to act on it and later the entire board sanctions what they did. Motion passed.

C. Other

VI. Staff Report – Paavo Rasmussen

Paavo is an Education Assistant for about six months. He has been with the museum for six years. He gave an update of the Education Department's activities: 1(Murder Mystery, 2) working on research about the 1918 influenza and also the Vietnam exhibit which will open the fall of 2010. We are interviewing veterans of the war. There are many school tours in May; a tea program at the Pettigrew; Kevin has been doing many the Civil War programs. The summer programs include Pioneer Day Camp scheduled for June, weekly Starlabs, and our new Victorian Girls Day Camp, etc.

VII. Adjourn

A motion was made by Schendel, second by Hall to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Submitted by:

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