

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, June 4, 2009 - 11:30 am

Old Courthouse Museum – Law Library

Present: Kermit Stagers, Dianne Metli, Kari Hall, Tim Schendel, Gloria Houle, Glenda Schmid, Sandy Dean, Pat McGreevy
Absent: Julie Risty, Jon Lauck, Carol Twedt,
Public Present: Robert Kolbe, Amanda McIlravy

I. Call to Order

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

Bill introduced Erin Anderson, summer intern in the Collections Department this summer. She is from Storm Lake, Iowa and attends Gustavus Adolphus College in St Peter, Minn.

II. Minutes of May Meeting

A motion was by Tim Schendel and second by Gloria Houle to approve the May 2009 minutes. Motion passed.

III. Public Input

The museums has received many thank you letters from the public; Bill shared them with the Board members

IV. Reports

A. Alliance

Kari reported that the raffle tickets are ready to be sold. The raffle will be for ten \$30 gift certificates at HyVee. Tickets are \$1.00 each, and a book for \$10.00. The drawing will be July 23rd at 7:00 pm at the Pettigrew Home & Museum. On that day we will have R. F. Pettigrew's Birthday Party, and it is also the 120th birthday of the Pettigrew House.

B. Financial Report - May

Bill reported on the May 2009 Financial Report. See May 2009 Financial Report.

C. Director's Report

Bill reported the highlights from the Director's Report.

- In May, the staff did 168 programs on and off site. That is in addition to 139 tours at the Pettigrew. School programs were given for around 4400 people in May.
- Staff attended many types of trainings/conferences. Bill attended the American Association of Museums annual meeting in Philadelphia and presented a program about our Museum Education Program and how we work with all the different entities in the area to bring our programming together.
- The corn exhibit was completed and the reception was held May 28th.
- We received much media coverage; we received a deal with Fox TV – we bought ads for the corn exhibit at a discount and they are sponsoring the concerts series so our ads on Fox TV are free.
- There are some WWII re-enactors in Sioux Falls and a fellow by the name of Rick Tupper who is involved with the Veterans Honor Flights to Washington and the re-enactors have taken on restoring our WWII 37mm anti-tank gun as a project. They will do the work, pay for parts, etc. as a donation.
- The replacement of the plaza floor will begin very soon. A new concrete floor will replace the pavers – colored concrete and it will have a stamped pattern on the concrete. The center 16 ft will be 6” thick reinforced concrete with rebar. Completion time is within two weeks.
- July 23 is the Pettigrew Birthday Party from 5 to 7 pm. The Alliance will have the raffle drawing at 7 pm. Also the Woodlawn Cemetery Association has been invited to have a table to promote their restoration of the Pettigrew Mausoleum.
- County budget hearings will begin Tuesday evening, June 9th at 5:30 pm.
- Kevin, Paavo, and Bill met with Tryg Fredrickson at the fair to talk about how the Siouxland Heritage Museums might possibly be involved in providing some activities for the public in and around the historic buildings on the north side of the fairgrounds during the fair. The fair association is not sure who owns the buildings.
- Kevin Gansz is now on the Social Studies curriculum committee for the SF Schools and the Social Services curriculum coordinator has invited him to attend the Social Studies teachers’ meeting; Kevin will talk about the museums activities and programming, etc. There is a possibility of writing some of our programming information into the teachers’ guide that meets the curriculum.

IV. Regular Business

Bill read a proposed resolution asking for the Board to authorize the Executive Committee to make decisions for the full board in regard to the 2010 budget request and the grading of the Hall land between the Museum’s Board meetings of June 4 and August 6, 2009. Schendel made the motion, Houle seconded the motion. Motion passed. (See attached Resolution).

Bob Kolbe reported for the Minnehaha County Historical Society that the roof on The schoolhouse at the fair grounds has been refinished, and resurfaced and shingled. Also, someone has been contacted to do the rebuilding of the bell tower.

VI. Adjourn

A motion was made by Schendel and a second by Schmid to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectively submitted: Mary Lou Buddi, Admin Assistant

