Minutes
Siouxland Heritage Museums
Board Meeting
Thursday, June 6, 2013
Law Library, Old Courthouse Museum

Present: Jeff Barth, Sandy Dean, Ron Helwig, Mike MacDonald, Tim Schendel, Dianne Metli, Bill Hoskins,

Absent: Virgil Andersen, Bob Kolbe, Michelle Erpenbach, Glenda Schmid, Marty DeWitt

Tim called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

The minutes of the May Meeting were approved as published.

Bill passed around several notes from the public regarding Museum programs to Board Members.

Reports:

Bill delivered a brief report on the Alliance and the upcoming fund raisers, the Chair Raffle on Friday, June 7 and the Historic Homes Tour on July 25.

Bill presented the April, 2013 financial report.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director presented the Director’s Report for May including some highlights for the month. Highlights included:

- Two new Part Time Museum Aides were hired and trained in May.
- Curator of Collections Julie Breu has resigned effective June 14.
- Syverson Tile re-built the fireplace hearth in the Law Library.
- Designs for the new Rail Road Exhibit have been completed and production has begun. The Exhibit opens in August.

Regular Business

Bill presented a draft design for a new sign for the Old Courthouse Museum. Samples of materials as well as multiple bids were presented. The Board directed the staff to proceed with the project.

Bill proposed a possible meeting of the Museum Board Collections Committee for Tuesday, June 11 at 11:30 AM to review the proposed Collecting Plan developed by Curator of Collections Julie Breu.
The board discussed at length the questions posed by Tracy Turbak and the Mayor’s Office, the answers and the next steps for the Museum Board. Bill Hoskins is to answer questions, Tim will provide a framework for the response, and various members of the board will review and comment. Tim declared that the Museum Board would meet in a Special Meeting on June 13, 2013 at 11:30 AM to review answers to be submitted.

Tim adjourned the meeting at 12:45 PM.

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