



Minutes
Siouxland Heritage Museums
Board Meeting
Thursday, November 6, 2014
Program Room, Pettigrew Home and Museum

Present: Museum Board; Virgil Andersen, Marty DeWitt, Arthur Kriens, Roger Terveen, Ron Helwig, Mike MacDonald, Dianne Metli, Mike Mullin,

Museum Staff; Bill Hoskins,

Public: Sandy Dean,

Board Members Absent: Jeff Barth, Michelle Erpenbach, Bob Kolbe

Virgil Andersen called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

The Minutes of the October Board Meeting were approved as published.

Bill Hoskins passed around a few of the thank you notes received in October. Mike MacDonald mentioned Museum Staff involvement in OLLIE Classes through the University Center this fall and the classes Museum Staff will be teaching in the Winter Session.

Reports:

Dianne Metli, Alliance Board President, delivered the report of the Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance. She reported on the upcoming Alliance Meeting and planning for the Annual Meeting in January.

Bill Hoskins reviewed the Financial Report for October, 2014 which was handed out as part of the board packets. Bill commented upon the utilities for the Pettigrew. The financial report was accepted.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, presented the Director's Report for October, 2014 including some highlights for the month. Highlights included:

- Staff presented 87 programs on and off site in October for 4,536 people.
- 20 Steam Traps at the Old Courthouse Museum are bad and need to be replaced. The estimated cost is approximately \$4,000.
- Upcoming exhibits projects. Particularly the Purse Exhibit which opens on November 20 at the Old Courthouse Museum, and the Clock Tower kiosk.



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Dianne Metli delivered the report for the Collections Committee which met on October 23. (See Attached). Dianne moved that the report and the committee recommendations be accepted. Marty DeWitt seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Regular Business

Bill presented an estimate for a new telephone system at the Old Courthouse Museum to replace the telephone installed in 1993. The replacement telephones were cut from the 2014 and 2015 Budget by the County Commission. Bill proposed that the telephones be paid for by the Enterprise Fund. The Board briefly discussed the situation. Ron moved that the Museum Board authorize the expenditure of \$7,500 to pay for new telephones from the Museum Special Enterprise Fund. Dianne seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

The Museum Board discussed delaying the January meeting from New Year's Day, January 1 to January 8, 2015 at 11:30 AM at the Old Courthouse Museum. Marty moved to hold the January meeting of the Museum Board on January 8. Dianne seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

The Museum Board briefly discussed the officers for 2015. Dianne moved that the current slate of officers, Virgil Anderson, Chairman; Marty DeWitt, Vice-Chairman and Mike MacDonald, Secretary Treasurer, be re-elected for the ensuing year of 2015. Marty DeWitt seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Museum Board discussed the sale of the museum land for the collections center. There was general dissatisfaction with the current realtor, the current asking price imposed by the County Commission and frustration over the process. The Museum Director is to prepare a draft resolution for the board's review which proposes replacing the current realtor and lowering the price to what the Museum Board recommended one year ago.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:28 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"*