Minutes
Siouxland Heritage Museums
Board Meeting
Thursday, October 13, 2016
Law Library, Old Courthouse Museum

Present: Museum Board; Ron Helwig, Mike MacDonald, Jeff Barth, Roger Terveen, Michael Mullin, Pat Starr, Tedd Hurt, Arthur Kriens, Allison Struck

Museum Staff; Bill Hoskins, Museum Director

Board Members Absent: Del Kroon

Guests: None

Ron Helwig called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

The Minutes of the September Meeting of the Museum Board were approved as published.

New Museum Board Member, Allison Struck was introduced.

Bill Hoskins shared copies of the 605 Magazine story on the “Woodlawn By Lantern” program.

Dianne delivered a brief report on the Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance. She invited members to attend the Alliance Board meeting at 5:30 PM.


Bill Hoskins briefly reviewed the report of the Endowment Committee which met on September 14. Copies of the report and minutes were handed out. The Committee recommended the disbursement of $45,000 from the Endowment for 2016/2017. Dianne moved that the Board accept the report and recommendations of the Committee. Pat Starrr seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered the Director’s Report for September, 2016. Bill highlighted some of the activities of the past month:

- Staff presented 39 programs on and off site to 2,769 people.
- Staff presented 160 guided tours of the Pettigrew Home in September.
- There were 17 rental events at the Old Courthouse Museum in September for 1,330 people.
- Overall attendance was up 10% for September.
The Museum Budget for 2017 was adopted. Upcoming Programs include Haunted Bus Tour, History Happy Hour and Woodlawn By Lantern.

The Board asked about the next steps for the Museum Collections Storage Facility. The closing will be on March 2, 2017. Carol Muller is placing the project on the agenda for the next County Building committee Meeting. Under the Supplement to the Joint Cooperative Agreement of November, 2013 the Final Design, Authorization of bid letting and Award for the construction Contracts has to be brought to a joint meeting of the City Council and County Commission.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 3 at the Old Courthouse Museum.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 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”