Minutes
Board Meeting
Siouxland Heritage Museums
Thursday, January 3, 2019, 11:30 AM
Museum Resource Center, 4300 N. Westport Avenue


Board Absent: Jeff Barth,

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins,

Bill Hoskins called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

The Minutes of the November and December Meetings were provided electronically to the board. Tim moved the minutes be adopted as printed. Allison seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

No members of the public were present for public comment. Bill Hoskins passed around an e-mail correspondence and an article on the GAR exhibit which appeared in Storm Lake Pilot Tribune December 28, 2018.

The election of Board officers for 2019. Arthur Kriens was nominated for Chairman, Kim Koblank as Vice Chairman and Tim Schendel as the Secretary/Treasurer. Dianne moved that the slate of officers be accepted and that a unanimous ballot be cast. Greg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Greg Olsen delivered a report on the Museum Alliance. The Annual Meeting of the Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance will be held at the Pettigrew Home and Museum on Thursday, January 24, 2019. The doors will open at 5:30 for refreshments, the business meeting will be at 6:00 PM followed by the program at approximately, 6:30. The program is the dress rehearsal for the Murder Mystery.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a financial update to the board regarding budgets for 2018. Bill informed that there were two budget supplements requested and approved by the County Commission on December 27. The Museum Resource Center Maintenance Budget was supplemented by $3,000 for unanticipated utility costs resulting in the early completion of the project. The Museum Operations Budget was also supplemented by $3,000 because income from Enterprise Fund was lower
than anticipated because less part time hours were use than anticipated in provision of rentals and moving the museum collection.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a report on the Museum Operation over the last month. Highlights include:
The move to the Museum Resource Center is going well. Approximately 74 % (82,338) of artifacts have been moved. Over 524 pieces of storage furniture have been relocated to the Museum Resource Center. The re-location of the collections continues in 2019.
Staff presented 23 programs on and off site in December to 1,651 people, and an additional 82 guided tours of the Pettigrew Historic House. Popular programs the Holiday Open house at the Pettigrew, Noon Concerts at the Old Courthouse Museum and Victorian Tea at the Pettigrew.
There were 10 rentals of space at the Old Courthouse Museum in December for 516 people.

Sign-up sheet for Museum Board Committee assignments was passed around along with a list of the Museum Board committees and their duties. Chairman Kriens will make assignments.

Bill Hoskins and the board discussed the process for long range planning. Sage Consulting was recommended for a possible moderator for a Board, Staff and stakeholders retreat. Bill is directed to follow up.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02.

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”