Minutes
Board Meeting
Siouxland Heritage Museums
Thursday, February 14, 2019, 11:30 AM
Law Library, Old Courthouse Museum, 200 W. 6th Street

Board Present: Tim Schendel, Pat Starr, Kim Koblank, Arthur Kriens, Jeff Barth, Nikki Gronli, Greg Olsen, Roger Terveen, Dianne Metli

Board Absent: Allison Struck, Liz Squyer,

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins,

Kim Koblank called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

The Minutes of the January Meeting were provided electronically to the board. Tim moved the minutes be adopted as printed. Dianne 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 photo of the Old Courthouse Museum.

Greg Olsen delivered a report on the Museum Alliance. The Annual Meeting of the Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance was held at the Pettigrew Home and Museum on Thursday, January 24, 2019 with 21 members in attendance. The Alliance adopted their 2019 Annual Budget which includes $36,000 for new custom shelving for the Museum’s Ethnographic Collection.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a financial update to the board regarding budgets for February 2019.
Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a report on the Museum Operation over the last month. Highlights include: Attendance for January was twice that of January, 2018. Most of the increase is in the area of Programming. Last year the Curator of Education was gone most of January and that impacted programming negatively last year. Bill reported on heating challenges at the Pettigrew Home and Museum where the boiler needed repair and one of the forced air furnaces needs to be replaced. At the Old Courthouse Museum and new air compressor was acquired and wired in the exhibits Shop, a toilet was repaired in the women’s rest room, the switch to the exterior lighting was replaced and motion detectors for the burglar alarm was repaired in the west hallway. At the Museum Resource Center, continued problems with the humidification system and condensation problems.
The move to the Museum Resource Center is going well. Approximately 74% (82,338) of artifacts have been moved. The re-location of the collections continues in 2019. Staff presented 49 programs on and off site in January to 2,511 people, and an additional 52 guided tours of the Pettigrew Historic House. Popular programs during the month included the Murder Mystery at the Pettigrew and Noon Concerts at the Old Courthouse Museum. There were 5 rentals of space at the Old Courthouse Museum in January for 185 people.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director briefly reviewed accomplishments of 2018 and the numbers for the year.

Tentative Museum Board Committee assignments was passed around for review and revision. The Board Committee will be meeting in the near future.


The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 for a tour of the Old Courthouse Museum.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, March 14, 2019.

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”
Museum by the Numbers 2018

Total Attendance: 77,663
OCH Busiest Days: Saturday, Friday, Thursday,
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Visitors From: 50 States, 30 Foreign Countries
Total Hours of Open to Public: 5,359 hours
  Old Courthouse Museum Open 355 days (3,128 hours)
  Pettigrew Home and Museum Open 354 days (2,143 hours)
  Irene Hall Museum Resource Center Open 25 days (100 hours)
Staff:
  Full Time: 16 Staff (30,720 hours)
  Part Time: 8 Staff (2,600 hours)
  Volunteers: 101 Volunteers (4,333 hours)
Collections:
  New Donations: 24 donors, 513 artifacts
  Total artifacts on Database: 111,641
  Total added to database: 2,248
  Artifacts relocated: 82,000
Education:
  Schools Served: 54 K-12 schools/32 daycares/non-school groups
  Programs Presented: 632 Programs
    On-Site: 218 programs
    Off Site: 414 programs
    People Served: 45,832
  Discovery Packs: 10,772 people
  Pettigrew Tours: 1,195 guided tours of historic house
Exhibits:
  New Exhibits: 4 (Medicine, South Sioux Falls, Toys, Collectors)
  Exhibits Off-Site: 6 (GAR, Flags, Wallace Dow Exhibit, North Wind, Exploration of Dakota, Dogs)
  Outside Projects: 4 (Deadwood, Yankton College, Mitchell Archeology, METRO)
Rentals:
  Number: 77 events for 4,768 people
  Open Hours for rentals: 521.75
Marketing

Museum’s Report: 30,342
Volunteer Newsletter: 1140 (540 electronic, 600 paper)

Press Coverage:
   Number of Print Media Stories-30
   Number of TV Stories- 10
   Number of Radio Stories- 34
   Number of Online Stories- 10

Cash, Grants and In-Kind Donations Received: $271,817.89