



Minutes

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, June 6, 2019, 11:30 AM

Program Room, Pettigrew Home and Museums, 131 N. Duluth Avenue

Board Present: Tim Schendel, Kim Kobblank, Arthur Kriens, Nikki Gronli, Liz Squyer, Greg Olsen, Dianne Metli, Allison Struck, Pat Starr, Jeff Barth, Roger Terveen

Board Absent: None

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Kari Kohlhoff

Arthur Kriens called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

The Minutes of the May Meeting were provided electronically to the board. Tim moved the minutes be adopted as printed. Dianne seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

There were no comments from the public. Bill Hoskins passed around recent media stories and rental surveys from the public.

Greg Olsen delivered a report on the Museum Alliance. The Annual Pork Raffle will be held in July. Tickets are on sale starting July 1. The Historic Homes Tour will be held July 23. Tickets go on sale on July 1.

Kim Kobblank delivered the report of the Museum Board's Collections Committee which met on May 22. Minutes to the Committee Meeting were provided to the full board. The committee recommended the deaccession of a list of damaged or broken artifacts. Kim moved to accept the report and recommendations of the committee. Greg seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum budgets as of June 4, 2019. Jeff moved to accept the financial report. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a report on the Museum Operation over the last month. Highlights include: Staff presented 118 programs on and off site in May to 3,972 people, and an additional 189 guided tours of the Pettigrew Historic House. The Museum Resource Center, continued



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problems with the humidification, heating and cooling systems. The move to the Museum Resource Center is going well. Approximately 92,000 of artifacts have been moved and had their location updated on the database. The re-location of the collections continues in 2019. Exhibit Gallery IV, at the Old Courthouse Museum has been prepared for the next exhibitions with plaster repairs, painting and new track lighting. Two Museum Summer Interns started May 28. Museum Interpreter Thomas Beck transferred to the Sheriff's Department effective May 17. The position was posted. We received 72 applicants. Interviews were held June 3 and the position has been offered pending background checks. Summer Concerts start June 7. Fund raising for the summer concert season is going well with over \$7,000 raised to date.

Bill discussed the weeds at the Museum Resource Center in the yard. A proposal from Truegreen was reviewed for this year. There are no budgeted funds. Bill suggested that the Enterprise Fund might be able to fund the needed work. Tim moved to authorize spending up to \$2,000 from the Enterprise Fund on the yard. Dianne seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Bill Hoskins, discussed with the Board a Museum Store Project with author Suzanne Fuller. The Museum would serve as the publisher of a book entitled "The Girl Who Moved to the Town that Wasn't There". The Museum would work with Suzanne Fuller and Book Bridge Press to edit the book, do design layout, facilitate registration documents and printing. The estimated cost is \$15,000. Bill has a pledge by an anonymous donor for \$15,000 to offset the cost. The project will be managed through the Museum Store Budget. Printing fees would be an additional cost. Tim Schendel moved that the Museum Board endorse the project and authorize the Museum to proceed. Dianne Metli seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

The Museum Board discussed postponing or cancelling the July Board Meeting which would fall on July 4th. Tim moved to not hold a meeting in July. Pat seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, August 1, 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"*

