Minutes
Board Meeting
Siouxland Heritage Museums
Thursday, October 3, 2019
Conference Room, Irene Hall Museum Resource Center, 4300 N. Westport Avenue


Board Absent: Pat Starr, Jeff Barth

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins

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

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

There were no comments from the public.

Greg Olsen delivered a report on the Museum Alliance. The Alliance Annual Meeting will be held January 23, 2020 at the Pettigrew Home and Museum. The Murder Mystery will be the program for the evening. The Historic Homes Tour will be held on July 21, 2020. The next Alliance Board meeting will be October 10 at 5:30 at the Old Courthouse Museum.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum budgets as of September 30, 2019. Bill also discussed the maintenance expenses not yet reflected in the financial report.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a report on the Museum Operation over the last month. Highlights include: Staff presented 29 programs on and off site in September for 2,682 people. The staff presented an additional 148 guided tours of the Pettigrew Historic House in August. Interviews for the Curator of Collections were held and Jessie Nesseim was selected. She begins her duties on October 19. Interviews are being held for the Part Time Museum Aide and the Full Time Museum Interpreter positions. The re-location of the collections to the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center continued in September. The Old Courthouse Museum hosted the Tribal Arts Juried Art Show reception. Bill also
reported a decline in visitation. Nikki asked about the various Marketing efforts of the Museum and Bill commented upon the various marketing venues and some of the challenges we are facing.

Bill Hoskins reported on the planning for the 2020 Mountain Plains Museum Association (MPMA) Conference coming to Sioux Falls September 2-5 2020. The MPMA Board will hold their mid-winter meeting in Sioux Falls in February, 2020.

Jeff Barth commented on the Museum Resource Center’s nomination for an Award from the South Dakota Association of County Commissioners.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be on Thursday, November 7 at 11:30 AM at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:16.

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”