



## Minutes

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, November 7, 2019

Conference Room, Irene Hall Museum Resource Center, 4300 N. Westport Avenue

Board Present: Tim Schendel, Dianne Metli, Jeff Barth, Liz Squyer, Greg Olsen,

Board Absent: Kim Kobblank, Pat Starr, Arthur Kriens, Nikki Gronli, Allison Struck, Roger Terveen

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director; Jessie Nesseim, Curator of Collections

Tim Schendel called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

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

Bill Hoskins, circulated an e-mail praising Kevin Gansz, Curator of Education, for his quality programs.

Bill Hoskins introduced Jessie Nesseim, Curator of Collections, who began her duties on October 19, 2019. Jessie is a University of South Dakota graduate with over 20 years museum experience. Jessie was warmly welcomed by the board.

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 November 4, 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 46 programs on and off site in October for 2,591 people. The staff presented an additional 98 guided tours of the Pettigrew Historic House in October. Interviews for the Museum Interpreter were held and Melissa Godber was selected. She begins her duties on November 30. The re-location of the collections to the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center continued in October. The



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Winter Concert series begins November 29. There will be a special Veteran's Day Program at the Old Courthouse Museum on November 10 featuring a German and American Soldier. The program starts at 2 PM.

Bill Hoskins reported on the planning for the 2020 Mountain Plains Museum Association (MPMA) Conference coming to Sioux Falls September 2-5 2020. Host committee is finalizing the pre-conference and post-conference tours as well as the evening receptions. The program committee which determines the educational sessions and workshops will be issuing a call for proposals in the coming weeks. The MPMA Board will hold their mid-winter meeting in Sioux Falls in February 6, 7, 2020. During that meeting MPMA Board Members will be touring the City's Museums.

The Museum Board discussed moving the January Board Meeting from January 2 to January 9 to facilitate holiday schedules.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be the Board and Staff luncheon on Thursday, December 5 at 11:30 AM at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57.

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"*

