



Minutes

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, January 9, 2020, 11:30 AM

Irene Hall Museum Resource Center, 4300 N. Westport Avenue

Board Present: Tim Schendel, Pat Starr, Liz Squyer, Kim Kobblank, Allison Struck, Greg Olsen, Dianne Metli, Jeff Barth, Jerry Beckler, Roger Buechler

Board Absent: None

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins,

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

New Museum Board members Jerry Beckler and Roger Buechler were introduced.

The Minutes of the November and December Meetings 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 thank you and several rental evaluations.

The election of Board officers for 2020. Allison nominated Kim Kobblank was nominated for Chairman, Jeff seconded the motion. She was elected by unanimous ballot. Dianne nominated Tim Schendel as Vice Chairman, Jeff seconded the motion. He was elected by unanimous ballot. Jeff nominated Nikki Gronli as the Secretary/Treasurer. Tim seconded the motion. She was elected by unanimous ballot.

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 23, 2020. 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. The Historic Home Tour is scheduled for July 21.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a financial update to the board for December 2019. All budgets finished the year in the black.



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Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a report on the Museum Operation over the last month. Highlights include: Staff presented 20 programs on and off site in December to 1,357 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 282 people. Bill also discussed the Attendance at the Pettigrew and Old Courthouse Museums in 2019. Visitors who signed the Guest Books came from 49 States and 24 foreign countries. Top states were SD, MN, IA, NE, ND, WI, TX. MO and CA. The top foreign countries included Canada, Germany and the United Kingdom. Jeff inquired about the size of the foreign groups. Bill said that they were mostly smaller groups and families.

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

Bill Hoskins deliver an update on the planning for the 2020 Mountain Plains Museum Association meeting in Sioux Falls September 2-5. The opening reception will be held at the Old Courthouse Museum.

In other business Pat Starr inquired if it would be appropriate to conduct another Structural Engineer Survey of the Old Courthouse Museum now that the museum collection has been moved. Bill will check into getting that done.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12.

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”*