



Minutes

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, February 6, 2020, 11:30 AM

Irene Hall Museum Resource Center, 4300 N. Westport Avenue

Board Present: Pat Starr, Liz Squyer, Kim Koblack, Greg Olsen, Jeff Barth, Jerry Beckler, Roger Buechler, Nikki Gronli

Board Absent: Tim Schendel, Allison Struck, Dianne Metli

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins,

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

The Minutes of the January Meetings were provided electronically to the board. Nikki moved the minutes be adopted as printed. Jerry seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

No members of the public were present for public comment. Bill Hoskins passed around a page from United Airline's Hemisphere Magazine which featured 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 23, 2020 with 20 members in attendance. The members elected four new board members and adopted the Alliance Budget for 2020.

Bill Hoskins delivered an overview of the museum operations in 2019. Bill handed out a report on the Museum operations for the board to review.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a financial update to the board for January 2020. All budgets finished the year in the black.

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 January to 1,347 people, and an additional 46 guided tours of the Pettigrew Historic House.

Bill handed out update list of Museum and Alliance Board members.



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Bill Hoskins would like to participate in a program called Visitors Count with the American Association for State and Local History. The two year program helps museums evaluate their visitation and benchmarks their performance. The program cost approximately \$1850 per year for two years. Greg Olsen spoke in favor of the program. Jerry moved that the Siouxland Heritage Museums persue the program. Roger seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

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. The MPMA Board met at the Ramkota for their mid-winter Board Meeting February 6,7. Bill will be giving them a tour of the Old Courthouse Museum, Falls Park, The Washington Pavillion, Center For Western Studies, Pettigrew Home and Museum and the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center on Friday afternoon.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

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”*