



Minutes

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, March 5, 2020, 11:30 AM

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

Board Present: Tim Schendel, Kim Koblack, Nikki Gronli, Liz Squyer, Allison Struck, Pat Starr, Jeff Barth, Jerry Beckler, Roger Buechler

Board Absent: Greg Olsen, Dianne Metli

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director

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

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

No members of the public were present for public comment. Bill Hoskins passed around recent media stories about the Museums including a story in South Dakota Magazine.

Greg Olsen, Alliance President, was absent serving as a Judge for National History Day. The next Museum Alliance Meeting is March 12 at 5:30 PM.

Liz Squyer, delivered the report of the Collections Committee, which met on February 20 at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center. The committee was given copies of both the Museum Collections Management Policy and the Museum Collecting Plan for review. The committee walked through the textile and large storage reviewing with Curator of Collections Jessie Nesseim, damaged and broken object being considered for de-accession. Jessie prepared a list of artifacts recommended by the committee for de-accession from the collection. Liz moved the acceptance of the Collections Committee Report and Recommendation. Tim Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a Power Point briefing to the Board regarding the Annual Report of the Museum Special Enterprise Fund for 2019. Tim moved that the Museum Board approve the Annual Report of the Museum Special Enterprise Fund. Jerry seconded the motion. The motion passed on Vote. The report will be filed with the Minnehaha County Auditors office and scheduled for presentation to the City Council and County Commission.



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Tim Schendel delivered the report of the Finance Committee regarding the proposed 2021 budget request. Tim moved that the Board recommend to the City of Sioux Falls and Minnehaha County the adoption of the following budgets for the Siouxland Heritage Museums in 2021 which would include; \$44,050 for the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center, split 50%/50% between the City and County; \$58,200 for the Old Courthouse Museum Maintenance Budget (County); \$35,100 for the Pettigrew Maintenance Budget (City); \$231,486 for the Museum Special Enterprise Fund Budget (Revenue) and \$21,568 for the operation of the Museum Store. The total for the Museum Operations budget is not yet ready, pending Human Resource figures from County Auditor's Office. The Museum Operations Budget, split 50%/50% between the City and County and will be included as soon as figures are available. The motion was seconded by Allison Struck. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum 2020 Budgets as of February 29, 2020.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a report on the Museum Operation over the last month. Highlights include: Staff presented 48 programs on and off site in February to 2,622 people, and an additional 60 guided tours of the Pettigrew Historic House. The Museum Resource Center, the backflow valve on the Fire Sprinkler System was replaced. The World War One Exhibit closed February 25 and production and installation of the new exhibit is underway. The "Scenes of Sioux Falls" exhibit opens on April 16. The summer Museum Intern position is posted and closes March 27. Interviews will be in April. A meeting has been called for April 16 to discuss the Tri-State Marker, originally place at the juncture of Minnesota, Iowa and South Dakota in 1859. It was repaired in the 1930's and again in the 1980's. It is now in tough shape. Bill also reviewed upcoming programs for March.

Bill Hoskins, delivered a brief update on the plans for the Mountain Plains Museum Association Conference in Sioux Falls September 2-5, 2020. The site tour by the MPMA Board on February 7 went very well and they were impressed with the various museums visited. The Program Committee is wrapping up the review of the session and workshop proposals. The search for keynote speakers continues. The preliminary program is to be completed by May 1 and conference registration is scheduled to open May 11. The conference opening reception will be at the Old Courthouse Museum on September 2.

Bill Hoskins announced that the Siouxland Heritage Museums are signed up for the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) Visitors Count Program. Adam Nelson, Marketing Coordinator will spearhead the program for the Museum. More details of schedule and expectations to follow.

Bill Hoskins, reported the Greg Hannestad, Structural Engineer who reviewed the Old Courthouse Museum structure in 2010 and 2015 will be on site Tuesday, March 10 to conduct another walkthrough of the building. The review was suggested by Pat Starr at the January Board Meeting.

Bill Hoskins brought up challenges of the network connection speed for the Museum Resource Center and options being discussed. Bill said that some investigation has been done regarding a wireless connection. The wireless connection will require line of site to the County Courthouse and is across the airport. Nikki, who works for SDN asked several questions and said she would check on things from her end.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, April 2, 2020 at the Old Courthouse Museum, 200 W. 6th Street.

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”*