



Minutes

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, August 6, 2020, 11:30 AM

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

Board Present: Nikki Gronli, Dianne Metli, Pat Starr, Jeff Barth, Jerry Beckler, Kim Koblank, Greg Olsen Roger Buechler, Allison Struck.

Board Absent: Tim Schendel, Liz Squyer

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director,

Kim Koblank called the meeting to order at 11:29 AM.

Minutes of the July 9 meeting were approved as published.

There was no public input.

Greg Olsen delivered a brief report on the Museum Alliance. The Historic Homes Tour has been cancelled for 2020. Kari and Bob Hall donated to the Alliance for the acquisition of new shelving to store the Museum's collection. The next meeting of the Alliance Board is scheduled for Thursday, August 6.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum budgets as of August 3, 2020. Jerry moved to accept the financial report. Nikki seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a report on the Museum Operation over the last month. Highlights include: Installation of a new exhibit on the 2nd Floor of the Old Courthouse Museum which will be completed in mid-August. The Museum resumed Educational Programming in July with Historic Walking Tours, Plaza Concerts and Kid's Activity Day. Staff is looking ahead to the fall and planning programming to be featured in the September/October Museum's Report.

Bill discussed the American Association for States and Local History's (AASLH) Visitors Count program which the Museum was scheduled to begin in April. The first round of surveys began July 30 and will end August 28. A second round will begin in September.



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Bill Hoskins discussed several security incidents at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center and the Old Courthouse Museum in recent months. Bill received bids from Midwest Alarms for additional cameras in June. Bill got a second bid much lower bid for the Museum Resource Center in July. These are not in the current budget, but there are several funding options. Jeff thought that the County Building Fund may be a source of funding. Pat thought that the City and County should split the cost of security upgrades. Another option is the Museum Special Enterprise Fund.

Bill Hoskins brought a proposal to the board to repair the Pettigrew Family monuments in Woodlawn Cemetery by replacing the broken ceramic photographs of Luella Belle Pettigrew and Frederick Pettigrew. The Cost is approximately \$1,600. Dianne moved to authorize the repair of the monuments. Nikki seconded the motion. The board passed the motion.

The Museum Board discussed holding the September Board Meeting for September 10, 2020 instead of September 3.

Pat moved to adjourn the meeting Nikki seconded the motion. The motion passed at 12:11.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, September 10, 2020, 11:30 AM at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center, 4300 N. Westport Avenue.

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”*