Minutes
Board Meeting
Siouxland Heritage Museums
Thursday, April 1, 2021, 11:30 AM
Law Library, Old Courthouse Museum, 200 W. 6th Street

Board Present: Roger Buechler, Dianne Metli, Jerry Beckler, (in-person) Tim Schendel, Liz Squyer, Nikki Gronli, and Allison Struck (present via Zoom)

Board Absent: Pat Starr, Jeff Barth, Greg Olsen, Kim Koblank

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director

Tim Schendel called the meeting to order at 11:28 AM.

Liz moved to adopt the minutes of the March 11, 2021 Museum Board meeting. Nikki seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Public Input: Bill circulated several news stories featuring the Siouxland Heritage Museums buildings and exhibits.

Bill briefly report for the Museum Alliance. Their annual meeting will be held on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 5:30 PM in the Law Library of the Old Courthouse Museum. The Annual Volunteer recognition luncheon will be on Thursday, April 22 at the Old Courthouse Museum during volunteer week. Invitations for the Banquet will be going out soon. The Alliance is planning to hold the pork raffle in June and July. Plans for the Historic Homes Tour are still pending.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum budget balances as of March 31, 2021. Dianne moved to approve the financial report. Roger 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: Planning programming and exhibits for the late spring and summer of 2021. Tickets for the Murder Mystery April 9, 10, 16, 17 are still available but selling well with some performances sold out. Registration for Pioneer Day Camp is at approximately 50% and registration for the Victorian Girls Day Camp at the Pettigrew is full. Performances for the 13 summer concerts at the Old Courthouse Museum are booked and start on June 4. Museum Volunteer Recognition Banquet is scheduled for April 22. The installation of the Pheasant Exhibit was completed on April 2 and it opened to the public on the
3rd Floor Hallway at the Old Courthouse Museum. Custodian Grant Edgecomb, retired after 12 years of service on March 19. Thirty-nine volunteers contributed 380 hours of service to the Museums in March.

Bill briefly updated the Board on the planning for the Annual Meeting of the Mountain Plains Museum Association October 5-8, 2021 in Sioux Falls.

The Board discussed upcoming Board Committee meeting dates. The Collections Committee will meet at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center on April 19 at 10:00 AM. The Board Executive Committee will meet on May 6 at 10:30 AM at the Old Courthouse Museum. The Visitor Experience and the Marketing Committees will meet in early summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, May 6, 2021, 11:30 AM at the Old Courthouse Museum, 200 W. 6th Street and via Zoom.

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”