



## Minutes

### Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, August 5, 2021, 11:30 AM

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

Board Present: Dianne Metli, Jerry Beckler, Tim Schendel, Nikki Gronli, Jeff Barth, Kim Koblack, Allison Struck, Liz Squyer

Board Absent: Pat Starr, Greg Olsen, Roger Buechler

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director;

Tim Schendel called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

Nikki moved to adopt the minutes of the June 3, 2021 Museum Board meeting. Allison seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote. There was no meeting in July.

Public Input: None.

Bill briefly report for the Museum Alliance. The Historic Homes Tour was held on July 20 and 374 tickets were sold. It was a beautiful night, thank you letters have gone out to the four home owners. The Annual Pork Raffle was held on July 20. Winners have been notified. The Alliance is sponsoring the Opening Reception for the “Beehives and Smokey Eyes” exhibit on August 12.

Bill delivered the report for the Visitor Experience Committee Meeting held on June 3. Bill reviewed a power point summary of the report on the American Association for State and Local History program “Visitor’s Count” which the Old Courthouse Museum took part in in 2020/2021. Bill offered paper or PDF copies of the full report. Tim Schendel indicated a desire to have a PDF version.

The Museum Facilities Committee (Jerry, Dianne, Liz and Bill) met on June 23. Bill delivered the summary of what was covered in the meeting including projects to conduct repairs on the 61 stained glass windows at the Old Courthouse Museum, tuckpointing, roof and window projects.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum budget balances as of August 3, 2021. Generally, we are at approximately 45% of budget currently available in the various funds. Jeff moved to approve the financial report. Dianne seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.



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Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a report on the Museum Operation over the last month. Highlights include: The Museum Store book, “The Girl Who Moved to the Town Which Wasn’t There” by Suzanne Fuller, won the 2021 WILLA Literary Award for Children’s Fiction. The Vintage Motorcycle exhibit closed the end of June. The Gallery Carpet was replaced as the last phase of the multi-year renovation. The New exhibit “Beehives and Smokey Eyes; from the Barber shop to the Bathroom” opens on August 12. The museum is working on an exhibit contract to design and produce exhibit panels for the City of Deadwood. Summer programming is going well including the Friday Concerts, Historic Walking Tours, Into the Pit Quarry Tours, and day camps. The Museum Alliance (501c3 friend’s group) received a donation of \$40,000 to be used to purchase new shelving for the Museum’s Collection at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center. Pettigrew walk-in attendance in July was the best in the last ten years. Lots of tourists.

Bill briefly updated the Board on the Annual Meeting of the Mountain Plains Museum Association October 5-8, 2021 in Sioux Falls. As of August 4, over 120 people had pre-registered for the Conference. Original pre-Covid goal for registration was 300. Justin Jakovic, MPMA Director feels that we will have 200-250 for the Conference in the end.

Jeff Barth, discussed the Minnehaha County Abandoned Cemeteries Board, and the 16 “abandoned cemeteries” in Minnehaha County. Jeff provided information on the group and the cemeteries as general information for the Museum Board. He suggested that the Museum might consider a Bus tour of the abandoned cemeteries at some point in the future.

The Board discussed upcoming Board Committee meeting dates. The Board Collections Committee will meet on August 25 at 10:00 AM at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center. The Museum Endowment Advisory Committee will meet September 1 at 11:00 AM at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:34.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, September 2, 2021, 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”*