



Minutes

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, April 7, 2022, 11:30 AM

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

Board Present: Jeff Barth, Jerry Beckler, Roger Buechler, Chris Brockevelt, Greg Olsen, Kim Kobblank, Liz Squyer, Pat Starr

Board Absent: Allison Struck, Chris Brockevelt,

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director

Jerry Beckler called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

Greg moved to approve the minutes of the March 10 meeting. Kim seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Public Input: Kim talked about the Tipi Exhibit on Loan to the Downtown Library. The videos on the Tipi setup, the tour of the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center and a Library Staff training to familiarize them with the resources available at the Museums.

Greg Olsen reported that the Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance was planning for the Volunteer Banquet on April 19 at 6 PM. The Alliance is also sponsoring the Radioman Exhibit Opening Reception of April 14. The Alliance is continuing to work on the Historic Homes Tour for July 19 and the fund-raising raffle.

The Finance Committee reported on their meeting of March 16 at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center. Jeff Barth commented upon the Museum Endowment and his hope that someday the Endowment would be large enough to support the Museums without tax dollars. Jeff and Pat recommend that the Museum ask the City and County to each put in \$50,000 to match a \$100,000 raised by the Museum. Bill is checking with the State's Attorney on legal issues, the Auditor and the City. The donation would be to the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation on behalf of the Museum not directly to the Museum. This would be an investment with approximately a \$4,000 per year return. Bill will continue to investigate. Bill presented to the Board the 2023 budget request which including the recent change to the county Pay Matrix and anticipated changes to the group health insurance will total, \$1,904,432. Pat Starr moved the Museum Board recommend the proposed budget to the City of Sioux Falls and Minnehaha County for 2023. Jeff Barth Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



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Greg and Jerry delivered the report for the Collections Committee which met on April 7, 2022 at 9:30 AM at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center. The Committee reviewed proposed changes to the Collections "Fee for Services" schedule streamlining, simplifying the fees. The Committee was updated on the progress of the Past Perfect Web Edition being used by staff and volunteers. This year we have moved from 10,000 items on the public search portion to just over 70,000 items available for public search. The committee was also updated on upcoming Conservation Projects. The Committee toured and viewed new donations and discussed the impact on current operations, specifically the Argus Leader donation. The committee reviewed items eligible for Deaccession and removal from the collection. Items listed on attached list. Greg moved to recommend to the Museum Board the deaccession and disposal of the artifacts. Kim moved the Board approve the recommendations of the Collections Committee.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, presented a financial update to the board regarding Museum 2022 Budget as of April 1, 2022. Bill stated that at the end of the first quarter the budgets are tracking well. Bill did comment on the March 29 decision of the Minnehaha County Commission to change the pay matrix. This will result in a 7% increase in pay for the Museum FT Staff effective April 2, 2022. This will make the HR Budgets appear to be over budget. The County will supplement budgets at the end of the year and settle with the City during the annual true up. Jeff commented about the reasons for the pay matrix changes. Jeff moved to accept the financial report. Greg 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: Attendance for March of 2022 was 8,106 as compared to 8,605 in March 2019. Museum staff presented 37 programs on and off site to 5,856 people, this included a number of cooperative programs and programs in the schools. The staff completed the "Radiomen" exhibit on the WW II Radio Training School in Sioux Falls. The Opening Reception is April 14 from 5-7 PM at the Old Courthouse Museum. The "Radiomen" exhibit is funded by a grant from the Mary Chilton DAR Foundation. Two of our traveling exhibits are out on loan, the "Tipi" is at the Downtown Library in Sioux Falls. The "Flag" is at the Clay County Historical Society in Spencer, Iowa. The Siouxland Heritage Museums Annual Volunteer Banquet will be held at the Old Courthouse Museum, Tuesday, April 19, 2022 in the Courtroom at 6 PM.

Bill talked briefly about the great intern we have had during the spring semester. Jay Ci Holsing, Augustana University has worked for college credit. Her time will end in early May. We have advertised for a paid Summer Intern position. We have received 16 applicants and are interviewing ten applicants April 13, 14. Pat Starr asked what the approximate cost was per intern. Bill stated that the Enterprise Fund has budgeted \$5,000 per intern. The money to come from the Museum Endowment into the Enterprise Fund to pay for the positions. Pat moved that the Board authorize the Museum Director to hire up to three interns should the candidate interviews merit. Jeff seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Board Chair Nikki Gronli, has resigned. Nikki has been named the new Director for Development for the USDA in South Dakota. Jerry Beckler has become the new Museum Board Chair. Liz Squyer has declined to move up and wishes to remain Secretary Treasurer. Chris Brockevelt, who is absent was nominated as Vice Chair by Liz Squyer. Pat Staff seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote. Bill will check to see if Chris will accept.

Jerry would like to form a committee to brainstorm for the Museum's 50th Birthday celebration in 2024. Jerry would like to tap several former Board Members and asked for one volunteer from the Museum Board. Jeff Barth volunteered.

The Board set Committee Meeting date for the Collections Committee to meet on April 7. The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, May 5, 2022, 11:30 AM at the Old Courthouse Museum , 200 W. 6th Street.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24.

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"*