



Minutes

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, September 1, 2022, 11:30 AM

Program Room, Pettigrew Home and Museum, 131 N. Duluth Avenue, Sioux Falls

Board Present: Jerry Beckler, Liz Squyer, Roger Buechler,

Board Absent: Greg Olson, Allison Struck, Chris Brockevelt, Pat Starr, Jeff Barth, Kim Kobblank

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director

Jerry Beckler, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:34 AM.

Liz moved to approve the minutes of the August meeting. Roger seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Public Input: Bill passed around several on-line articles on tourism which mention the Old Courthouse Museum.

Bill Hoskins, reported on the Alliance discussion of the Historic Homes Tour on Tuesday, July 19 was attended by 472 people, a record number. Public reception to the program was very positive.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, presented a financial update to the board regarding Museum Budget as of August 31, 2022. Bill stated that at the 2022 budgets are tracking well. Bill did comment on the March 29 decision of the Minnehaha County Commission to change the pay matrix, which resulted in a 7% increase in pay for the Museum Full Time Staff effective April 2, 2022. Bill further commented on how the pay increase for Part Time employees effective September 3 will impact the staff. This will make the Human Resource 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. The joint budget hear for the Siouxland Heritage Museums 2023 Budget was held on August 23, 2022. The Council and County Commission voted to support the Museums 2023 budget request. Budget will be adopted by the City and County in September.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a report on the Museum Operation over the last month. Highlights include: Museum staff presented 31 programs on and off site to over 2,311 people in August. The staff presented 226 tours of the historic Pettigrew Home in August. Bill reported on the new exhibition “Northern Plains Native Americans: Connecting with the Natural World”, in Gallery III at the Old Courthouse Museum on September 8, 2022.



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Bill reviewed the damage at the Museum Resource Center from the storms on June 20 and July 5. Repairs have not yet been completed on the HVAC hood, siding or fence. All projects are awaiting materials delivery.

Jerry Beckler reported on the meeting of The Museum's Endowment Committee at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center on August 31, 2022 at 11:30 AM. The endowment balance as of July 1, 2021 was \$2,278,266.22. The endowment balance as of June 30, 2022 was \$2,025,058.86. The Endowment Committee recommended a disbursement of \$60,000 in support of projects including an Institute of Museum and Library Services, Conservation Assessment Program survey, exhibit development, stain glass window restoration and summer interns. The committee recommends no Endowment distribution in the 2024 budget year. Roger moved that the Board accept the committee recommendation. Liz seconded the motion.

The Museum's Visitor Experience Committee will meet at the Old Courthouse Museum on September 21, at 11:30 AM. The Museum's Collections Committee will meet at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center on November 3 at 9:30 AM.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, October 6, 2022, 11:30 AM at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center, 4300 North Westport Avenue.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.

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"*