



## Minutes

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, October 6, 2022,

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

Board Present: Jerry Beckler, Greg Olson, Allison Struck, Chris Brockevelt, Jeff Barth

Board Absent: Pat Starr, Kim Koblack, Liz Squyer, Roger Buechler

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director

Jerry Beckler, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:31 AM.

Allison moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Jeff seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Public Input: None

Greg Olson reported on the Alliance. He commented on some of the upcoming programs sponsored by the Alliance including the Trick or Treating for kids at the Old Courthouse Museum on October 31.

The Visitor Experience Committee reported on their meeting of September 21. The committee reviewed rental expanses and rates for the Old Courthouse Museum. The committee recommended an increase in the rental rates. Recommendation included to raise the day rate at the Old Courthouse Museum by \$25, the evening rate (which is an hourly rate) by \$15/per hour, and the plaza fee from \$250 to \$300 if the Museum provides chairs, tables and sound. Allison moved to accept the Committees report and the recommended adjustments in the room rental rates effective January 1, 2023. Jeff seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, presented a financial update to the board regarding Museum Budget as of October 3, 2022. Bill stated that at the 2022 budgets are tracking well. Bill did comment that we will need budget supplements for the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center Budget for the wind damage repairs and increased utility costs and to the Operations Budget because of the pay matrix adjustments.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a report on the Museum Operation over the last month. Highlights include: Museum staff presented 28 programs on and off site to over 2,486 people in September. The staff presented 179 tours of the historic Pettigrew Home in September. Bill reported on the new exhibition “Northern Plains Native Americans: Connecting with the Natural World”, in Gallery III at the Old Courthouse Museum which opened on September 8, 2022.



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The Educational Services Booklet is out to the schools in Sioux Falls and Minnehaha County for the 2022-2023 school year. The Starlab program is back in service after a COVID vacation. The Haunted Bus Tours are sold out for October. 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. Curators Gansz and Engquist attended national Museum Conferences in September and Gansz presented at the state meeting of the Association of South Dakota Museums in Watertown.

Discussion of a committee to plan the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration for the Siouxland Heritage Museums in June 2024.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, November 3, 2022, 11:30 AM at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center, 4300 North Westport Avenue.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 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”*