



## Minutes

### Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, June 1, 2023, 10:00 AM

Law Library, Old Courthouse Museum, 200 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street

Board Present: Roger Buechler, Jerry Beckler, Allison Struck, Kim Koblack, Chris Brockevelt, and John Nordlien Bleyenberg (via Zoom).

Board Absent: Liz Squyer, Kim Koblack, Pat Starr, Greg Olsen and Jen Bleyenberg

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director; Avery Kautz, Museum Intern; Ally Jameson, Museum Intern; and Oksana Kotkina, Argus Leader Reporter

Jerry Beckler, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

John Nordlie moved the adoption of the Minutes of the May 4, 2023 meeting as published. Roger Buechler seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Public Input: Bill Hoskins introduced Ally Jamison and Avery Kuantz summer Museum Interns and Argus Leader Reporter Oksana Kotkina.

Greg Olson, President of the Museum Alliance was absent. Bill Hoskins briefly reported for the Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance. The Alliance has four homes for the Historic Homes Tour in July. Tickets will go on sale July 5 at the Pettigrew. Tickets will be \$10 per person. The Alliance will also be holding a raffle. The paperwork has been completed with the City and a mailing will take place at the Alliance's next meeting. The Raffle drawing will also be at the Pettigrew Birthday Party on July 25.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum budget balances as of May 30, 2023. Bill reviewed the 2023 budgets and what the respective budgets were used for. John 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: Staff and Volunteers presented 171 programs on and off site in the May to 5,574 people. Discovery Packs were also used by 959 people. Staff are moving from school programming to summer programs which start on June 1. The Pheasants exhibit closes on June 26. The American Flag exhibit will open June 30 at the Old Courthouse Museum in time for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Staff are in production of the second Phase of exhibits for Yankton College. Installation will begin July 11.



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Roger Buechler asked how attendance compared to 2019 (pre-covid). Program attendance is up from 2019. Visitation at the Old Courthouse and Pettigrew is a little behind the 2019 numbers for the first quarter of 2023 as compared to 2019 but ahead of 2022 as a whole.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, July 6, 2023, 10:00 AM at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center 4300 N. Westport Avenue.

The Collections Committee Meeting for July 6 at 10 AM.

The Visitor Experience Committee will meet on Wednesday, July 21.

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”*