



Minutes

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, August 3, 2023

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

Board Present: Roger Buechler, Jerry Beckler, Chris Brockevelt, Allison Struck, Greg Olsen, Pat Starr and John Nordlie.

Board Absent: Liz Squyer, Kim Koblack and Jen Bleyenberg

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director; Arthur Kriens new Museum Board City appointee effective August 15.

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

Pat Starr moved to adopt the agenda, the motion was seconded by Allison Struck. The agenda was adopted by unanimous vote.

John Nordlie moved the adoption of the Minutes of the July 6, 2023 meeting as published. Allison Struck seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Arthur Kriens III, was introduced as a new Museum Board Member. Arthur is a retired general contractor and he helps his wife run the dance studio on Main Avenue. He was appointed at the July 18 City Council Meeting and is official on August 15. Arthur will be replacing Allison. Jeff Barth was also appointed to the Museum Board on July 18 replacing Dianne Metli. Jeff is in Iceland and could not attend.

Public Input: Bill Hoskins passed around an e-mail from Senator Rounds office regarding Museum Staff appearance on the South Dakota Historical Society's "History 605" podcast.

Greg Olson, President of the Museum Alliance briefly reported for the Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance. The Alliance Historic Homes Tour July 25 sold 360 tickets. The Alliance meat raffle also raised \$1,050. Allison was invited to join the Alliance Board.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum budget balances as of July 31, 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 by unanimous vote.



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Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a report on the Museum Operation over the last month. Highlights include: Staff and Volunteers presented 48 programs on and off site in the July to 2,388 people. There were 221 guided tours of the Pettigrew Home. The total programs for 2023 to date is 438 programs for 21,105 people or 2 programs per day 7 days a week with an average of 48 people per program. Program attendance is up 34% in the first two quarters of 2023. “The Symbol of Freedom; The American Flag” opened on Third Floor of the Old Courthouse Museum. Museum staff installed an exhibit for Yankton College at the Mead Building in Yankton in July. The radio Training School exhibit was on display at the Air Show July 27, 28. There were AC repairs at the Pettigrew and staff scrapped, caulked and painted 45 windows at the Old Courthouse Museum in July. The Museums were featured in an “Eye on Keloland” story on July 11 and the SD Historical Society’s “History 605” podcast which aired on July 28. There were Behind the Scenes tours of the Old Courthouse Museum for the Daughters of the American Revolution on July 11 and City Communications Staff on July 18. Staff has received Fire Extinguisher and “Stop the Bleed” training in July.

Bill suggested that the Museum Host a Chamber Mixer at the Old Courthouse Museum in 2024 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Siouland Heritage Museums. We hosted a Chamber Mixer in 2013 and it was attended by over 500 people. Last time we got a co-sponsor. The Board discussed the idea. Pat moved that the Siouland Heritage Museums host a chamber mixer in September, 2024. Roger seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Bill will submit the paperwork.

In other Business. The Museum Board set the date for the meeting of the Museum Endowment Committee as August 16 at 11:30 AM at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center. There was discussion of the need for a Collections Committee Meeting in October. No date was set.

Bill has been in contact with Balzer Clockworks of Freeport, Maine. They will be coming to Sioux Falls on September 7, 2023 to look at the Howard Tower Clock at the Old Courthouse Museum. They will be developing an estimate and proposal for the restoration of the 1892 clock. The board discussed other work which may be needed in the clocktower. Chris will contact the structural engineer to set up a tour of the tower in advance of the Balzer visit. The board discussed moving the Board Meeting for September to 4:30 PM at the Old Courthouse Museum to facilitate the clock visit.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, September 7, 2023, 4:30 PM at the Old Courthouse Museum 200 W. 6th Street.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:44 PM.

Museum Mission: *“The Siouland Heritage Museums is dedicated to enhancing the experience of learning for our community, its families and visitors through collections, preservation and interpretation of history”*

