



Minutes

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, October 5, 2023,

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

Board Present: Jerry Beckler, Greg Olson, Pat Starr, Kim Koblack, Roger Buechler, Chris Brockevelt, Jeff Barth, Arthur Kriens

Board Absent: Chris Brockevelt, Liz Squyer, Jen Bleyenbergh

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director

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

Pat Starr moved to adopt the agenda as printed. Roger Buechler seconded the motion. The motion was passed on vote.

Jeff moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Pat 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.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, presented a financial update to the board regarding Museum Budget as of October 2, 2023. Bill stated that at the 2023 budgets are tracking well.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a report on the Museum Operation over the last month. Highlights include: Museum staff presented 30 programs on and off site to over 2,299 people in September. The staff presented 192 tours of the historic Pettigrew Home in September. The store completed a Cookbook which will be released with the "Cooking up History" exhibit scheduled to open on November 16. Haunted Bus Tours are sold out. Woodlawn By Lantern, October 19, 20, 21 have a few tickets left. Bill reported that the Museum had received payment of \$18,478 from Yankton College and \$4,775 from Lake County Historical Society for exhibits work. Installation has begun on the new exhibition "Cooking up History" in Gallery IV at the Old Courthouse Museum.

The Educational Services Booklet is going out to the schools in Sioux Falls and Minnehaha County for the 2023-2024 school year. County Facilities is working on the steam system at the Old Courthouse Museum.



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Bill updated the board on the 50th Anniversary celebration for the Siouxland Heritage Museums. We are scheduled to host a Chamber Mixer on September 10, 2024. Bill will continue to provide updates.

Bill briefly discussed the Old Courthouse Museum and Pettigrew Home and Museum Guest Book Attendance in the first three quarters of 2023.

Jessie Nesseim, Curator of Collections would like to hold a Collections Committee. The Committee members agreed to a meeting on Thursday, November 2 at 10 AM at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center, 4300 North Westport.

Bill handed out copies of the Clock Report compiled by the Balzer Family Clockworks of Freeport, Maine. Bill reviewed the five options for the clock covered in the report. Bill pointed out that the clock is only part of the future maintenance of the Clock and tower in the future. Bill advised that he was preparing an Informational MEMO for the County Commission on the clock. Mark Kriens, County Facilities Director will be touring the clock next week. Bill pointed out some the challenges of the clock project. Pat Starr moved that the Museum Board Chair establish two new committees, one for development/fund raising and one for the Architecture and Engineering concepts relative to the Clock project. The committees to consist of Museum board members and other interested citizens. The motion was seconded by Jeff. The motion passed on vote.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, November 2, 2023, 11:30 AM at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center, 4300 North Westport Avenue.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 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”*

