



Minutes

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, November 2, 2023,

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

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

Board Absent: Kim Kobblank, Liz Squyer, Jen Bleyenber

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director

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

Jeff Barth 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 October meeting. Pat seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Public Input: Bill passed around a thank you card and the new Museum Cookbook for sale in the Museum Store.

Greg Olson reported on the Alliance. Greg commented on some of the upcoming programs sponsored by the Alliance including the Exhibit opening reception on November 16, the Holiday Open House at the Pettigrew on December 14 and the Alliance Annual Meeting January 25.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, presented a financial update to the board regarding Museum Budget as of October 30, 2023. Bill stated that most of the 2023 budgets are tracking well. The Old Courthouse Museum Maintenance Budget may need a supplement as a result of the work on the steam heating systems.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a report on the Museum Operation over the last month. Highlights include: Museum staff presented 67 programs on and off site to 2,565 people in October. The staff presented 109 tours of the historic Pettigrew Home in October. The Haunted Bus Tours and Woodlawn By Lantern Tours were sold out. Bill reported that the Museum had received a grant of \$6,241 from the Mary Chilton DAR Foundation for acid free supplies for the Argus Leader Photographic collection storage. Installation of the new exhibition "Cooking up History" in Gallery IV at the Old Courthouse Museum is almost complete. There is a new Red Oak tree planted at the Pettigrew.



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The Educational Services Booklet has been delivered to the schools in Sioux Falls and Minnehaha County for the 2023-2024 school year. The Old Courthouse Museum has a cloths moth infestation which the Collections Staff is dealing with. The buildings have all been sprayed. It will be closely monitored in the next few weeks. One of the wagons was transported by Board Members Greg and Roger from Hanson Wheelwright back to the Museum Resource Center in October. Staff transported two of Pettigrew's canes to an object conservator in Omaha for treatment. County Facilities is working on the steam system at the Old Courthouse Museum approximately half of the steam traps have been replaced in the last 6 weeks.

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. The staff is also working on a new exhibit for Exhibit Gallery I, on County Government and the Museums. 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. Samples of the information were circulated to the Museum Board.

Jerry Beckler, would like to move forward with the existing board committees. The Facilities Committee will meet on November 16 at 10:30 at the Old Courthouse Museum to physically look at the Clock Tower and the clock. Jeff moved that we proceed with Phil D'Avanza, clock repairman from New Hampshire to repair the clock for 5-7,000. Pat seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeff asked questions on the use of the collection and the Museum Resource Center. The resource center has had about 500 on-site and about 2,500 electronic visitors this year.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, December 7, 2023, 11:30 AM at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center, 4300 North Westport Avenue.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 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"*

