



## Minutes

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, February 1, 2024, 11:30 AM

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

Board Present: Jerry Beckler, Chris Brockevelt, Arthur Kriens, Jeff Barth, and John Nordlie.

Board Absent: Roger Buechler, Pat Starr, Jen Bleyenber

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director,

Chris Brockevelt, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

Jerry moved the adoption of the Minutes of the January 4, 2024 meeting as published. John seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Public Input: None.

Bill Hoskins reviewed the Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance Annual Report from the Alliance Annual Meeting on January 25 at the Pettigrew Home and Museum. The program following the business meeting was the dress rehearsal for the Murder Mystery. The Alliance Board meets on February 8 to elect officers for the new year.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum budget balances as of January 31, 2024. Bill reviewed the 2024 budgets and what the respective budgets were used for.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a report on the Museum Operation over the last month. January Highlights include; The steam heat systems the Pettigrew Home and Museum and the Old Courthouse Museum in January. The theft of the snow blower at the Pettigrew Home and Museum. Repairs to the Fire Alarm at the Old Courthouse Museum, The Murder Mystery at the Pettigrew is sold out. Winter concerts at the Old Courthouse Museum. Upcoming activities include; Concerts are every Friday Noon, through February. "Jesse James in Dakota" program on February 25 at the Old courthouse Museum. Family History program at the Museum Resource Center, February 28 and Regional Competition for National History Day, March 7.

Bill Hoskins briefly reviewed, some of the accomplishments of the Museums in 2023. Overall Attendance was up 8%. Staff presented 633 programs on and off site for 32,000 people. Four new



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exhibitions were produced and install in the exhibit galleries at the Old Courthouse Museum and Pettigrew Home and Museums. The Museums received the very large donation from the Argus Leader including 1100 rolls of microfilm, bound newspapers and thousands of photographs. Five stain glass windows at the Old Courthouse Museum were restored and five more went out for treatment. The Pettigrew and the Old Courthouse made trip Advisors top ten list for the City of Sioux Falls.

Jerry reported on the meeting of the Museum Collections Committee on February 1. The committee reviewed the status of the current conservation projects including Old Courthouse stain glass windows, Old Courthouse Museum murals, treatment of Pettigrew canes and the cloths moth infestation. Jessie Nesseim updated the committee on the progress of the Argus Leader Project, (bound newspapers, microfilm and photographic images donated in 2022). Jessie Nesseim presented a list of 89 items which were damaged or duplicates for removal from the collection via de-accession. The Committee reviewed the list and recommended to the Museum Board the de-accession of the items. Jerry moved that the Museum Board accept the recommendations and report of the committee. Jeff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed and made board committee assignments for 2024.

Jeff Barth asked when the Museum would be presenting an update to the County Commission. Bill said it is scheduled for March 19. Jeff asked that the Board be notified of the date in March.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, March 14, 2024, 4:00 PM at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center, 4300 N. Westport Avenue.

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”*

