



## Minutes

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, March 14, 2024, 4:00 PM

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

Board Present: Chris Brockevelt, Roger Buechler, Jen Bleyenber, Diane Olson, and John Nordlie.

Board Absent: Pat Starr, Jerry Beckler, Jeff Barth, Arthur Kriens

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director,

Chris Brockevelt, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

Jen moved the adoption of the Minutes of the February 1, 2024 meeting as published. Roger seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Diane Olson was introduced. Diane is the new Vice President of the Museum Alliance will be serving as the Alliance representative on the Museum Board.

Public Input: Bill passed around an e-mail of thanks for an educational program in Dell Rapids and a newspaper article on the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation act of 1990 which appeared in the StarTribune on January 31, 2024.

Diane Olson reported on the activities of the Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance. She mentioned some of the programs coming down the pike including the Meat Raffle, Historic Homes Tour and Volunteer Banquet.

Bill Hoskins reviewed the Annual Report for the Siouxland Heritage Museums Special Enterprise Fund for 2023. Bill related the purpose of the fund, requirements of the resolution establishing the fund, revenues and expenses for the various categories in the Enterprise Fund and balances. Diane moved that the Board approve the report and that it be forwarded to the Auditor's Office before April 1.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum budget balances as of February 29, 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. February Highlights include; Winter Concert season concluded in February with 468 people in



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attendance in February. FOTM donated \$1,000 to support concerts in 2024. The Murder Mystery at the Pettigrew was sold out. The regional competition for National History Day was held at the Old Courthouse Museum March 7. Upcoming activities include; St. Patrick's Day Family Dance, March 16 at the Old Courthouse Museum. Five stained glass windows from the Old Courthouse Museum have been restored and will be re-installed on March 21. Family History program at the Museum Resource Center, March 27. New exhibit on "Sioux Falls First Historic District" opens at the Pettigrew on April 4.

Bill handed out a proposed "Rules of Conduct" for visitors to the Siouxland Heritage Museums. The document borrows from the Siouxland Libraries Rules of Conduct and addresses most of the situations encountered by the Museum staff on a daily basis. Diane moved that the proposed rules be posted and reviewed again at a regular interval. Roger seconded the motion and the motion passed on vote.

The Board discussed possible dates for the Finance Committee and the Visitor Experience Committees to meet. The Finance Committee meeting was set for Wednesday, March 27 at 4:00 PM at the Old Courthouse Museum.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, April 4, 2024, 11:30 AM at the Pettigrew Home and Museum, 131 N. Duluth 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"*