



Minutes

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, January 4, 2024, 11:30 AM

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

Board Present: Roger Buechler, Jerry Beckler, Chris Brockevelt, Greg Olsen, Pat Starr, Jen Bleyenber

Board Absent: Arthur Kriens, Jeff Barth, John Nordlie

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director,

Bill Hoskins called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

Bill passed around a letter from Liz Squyer resigning from the Museum Board. Liz second term on the Board expired in December of last year.

Bill asked if there were any nominations for the Chair, Vice Chair or Secretary of the Museum Board for the ensuing year. Jerry moved that Chris be elected Chair. Pat seconded the motion. There were no further nominations. Chris was elected chair by unanimous vote. Roger nominated Arthur as Vice Chair. Jerry seconded the motion. There were no further nominations for Vice Chair. Arthur was elected by unanimous vote. Roger nominated John as the Secretary. Greg seconded the motion. There were no further nominations. John was elected by unanimous vote. Congratulations to the victors.

Chris Brockevelt, Chair of the Museum Board for 2024, took over the meeting.

Greg moved to approve the minutes of the December, 2023 meeting. Jerry seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Public Input: Bill passed around thank you notes received from visitors for programming and a rental.

Greg Olsen reported that the Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance will hold their Annual Meeting at the Pettigrew Home and Museum on Thursday, January 25 at 5:30 PM. The program following the business meeting will be the dress rehearsal for the Murder Mystery.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum 2023 budget balances as of January 3, 2024. Museum Enterprise Fund Budget was supplemented by \$30,000. The revenue budget was overspent and required authorization.



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Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a report on the Museum Operation over the last month. Highlights include: The Siouxland Heritage Museums Endowment at the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation received a donation in December. The total value is now approximately \$2.4 million. Total Attendance in 2023 was up 8.6% and program attendance was up 17%. Staff presented 633 programs on and off site to 32, 007 people in 2023, or about 1.8 programs every day. The Holiday Open House at the Pettigrew Home and Museum on December 14, was attended by 598 people. The Courthouse has been clean of cloths moths for over two weeks. The freezer should have completed it's work by Monday, January 8. Artifacts should be returning to the Old Courthouse Museum from isolation soon. New HOBOS for monitoring the changes in temperature and humidity have been acquired and installed in December (per CAP Survey Recommendations). Winter Concerts continue at the Old Courthouse Museum in Friday at Noon through the end of February.

The Museum Board reviewed several the proposed Museum Board Meeting Schedules in 2024. It was decided to hold several meetings during the year at 4:00 PM. Jerry moved the adoption of the proposed schedule, Allison seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Thursday, January 4, 2024	Irene Hall Museum Resource Center	11:30 AM
Thursday, February 1, 2024	Irene Hall Museum Resource Center	11:30 AM
Thursday, March 14, 2024	Irene Hall Museum Resource Center	4:00 PM
Thursday, April 4, 2024	Pettigrew Home and Museum	11:30 AM
Thursday, May 2, 2024	Irene Hall Museum Resource Center	11:30 AM
Thursday, June 6, 2024	Old Courthouse Museum	4:00 PM
Thursday, July 11, 2024	Irene Hall Museum Resource Center	11:30 AM
Thursday, August 1, 2024	Irene Hall Museum Resource Center	11:30 AM
Thursday, September 5, 2024	Old Courthouse Museum	4:00 PM
Thursday, October 3, 2024	Pettigrew Home and Museum	11:30 AM
Thursday, November 7, 2024	Irene Hall Museum Resource Center	11:30 AM
Thursday, December 5, 2024	Board/Staff Lunch	11:30 AM

The Board reviewed and made board committee assignments for 2024. Chris requested that the Museum Director contact the other Board Members and find out to what committees they wish to be assigned. And have the list for the next Museum Board Meeting.

Roger and Pat led a discussion of additional trees to be planted at the Museum Resource Center. All were agreed that more trees should be acquired and planted on the property.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, February 1, 2024, 11:30 AM at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center, 4300 N. Westport Avenue and via Zoom.

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”*