



Minutes

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, June 5, 2025, 11:30 AM

Room 3 ½, Old Courthouse Museum, 200 W. 6th Street

Board Present: Jerry Beckler, Diane Olson, Chris Brockevelt, Curt Soehl,

Board Absent: Roger Buechler, Jeff Barth, Arthur Kriens, Greg Olsen, John Nordlie

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, Ainsley Bauman, Museum Intern, Emily Riedmann, Museum Intern and Jennifer Sigette.

Chris Brockevelt, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:31 AM. There was no quorum present the meeting will proceed as an informational meeting for the Board Members present.

The minutes of the May 1 meeting were circulated. There was no quorum and the minutes were not adopted.

Public Input: Bill Hoskins shared an e-mail for Experience Sioux Falls and a thank you from a rental.

Diane Olson reported on the Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance. The Alliance has decided to cancel the Historic Home Tour for 2025. The home tour requires the support of the neighborhood, and we have no takers for this year. The Alliance will be conducting a Meat Raffle on July 22. Tickets are \$4.00 and go on sale June 12. Prizes are four \$50.00 gift certificates to the Meat Lodge. The next Alliance Board Meeting is June 12 at 5:30 PM at the Old Courthouse Museum.

The Collections Committee Meeting planned for 9:30 on June 5 was cancelled and will be re-scheduled.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum budget balances as of May 28, 2025. Bill reviewed the 2025 budgets.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a report on the Museum Operation over the last month. Highlights include Staff presented 139 programs for 4,687 people on and off site in May. Staff presented 160 tours of the historic house.

Building projects Old Courthouse Museum roof repair project underway. Hanaman Restoration tuckpointed in May. Slate is on-site. Crane for roof work to be on site week of June 2. Dormer windows ordered expected mid-June. Xcel Energy switched out the electric meter at Pettigrew in May. Sanford



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has asked the City for a variance for Brendan Lane, which will run north to south along the east property line of the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center property.

Rodney Scott, Architectural Glassarts, has finished cleaning and re-leading 5 more of the stain glass windows from the Old Courthouse Museum. This makes 20 of 61 total completed with fifteen more to go on the first floor. Stain Glass work has been funded by Endowment through the Enterprise Fund. Several of the marble tiles at the 6th Street entrance are loose. Syverson Tile is developing an estimate on repairs. Conservators are scheduled to be at the Old Courthouse Museum in October to treat the murals on the main stairway October 5-10. The mural treatment will be funded in the Museum Special Enterprise Fund. G & R Controls will be installing new control systems for the HVAC units at the Old Courthouse Museum. The installation of the new control systems started on Tuesday, June 3 and will continue for several weeks. County facilities is getting bids on several projects at the Old Courthouse Museum including replacing the OCH water main, replacing the deck of the wheelchair ramp, replacing the CCTV system at the Old Courthouse Museum, and replacing the flagpole at the Old Courthouse Museum.

Summer Programming starting this week: Pioneer Day Camp at Beaver Creek Nature Area will be held Tuesdays, June 3, 10, 17, 24. Public Starlabs will be presented at the Old Courthouse Museum on Thursday Afternoons. Historic Walking Tours will be held on Thursday evenings. Noon Concerts at the Old Courthouse Museum will be Fridays, June 6, 13, 20, 27. Into the Pit Quarry Tours will be held Thursday Mornings June 5, 12, 26. Coming up in exhibits "Harvesting the Natural World" in Gallery III at the Old Courthouse Museum closes June 23. "George Catlins Lithographs" will open July 3. The "Playing Favorites" exhibit in Gallery II closes July 21. "Indigenous America" opens August 14. In other news the new van was picked up from the Minnehaha County Highway Shop today.

The Visitor Experience Committee Meeting planned for 12:30, June 5 is cancelled due to schedule conflicts.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, July 10, 2025, 11:30 AM in the Conference Room of 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"*

