



Minutes

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, August 7, 2025, 11:30 AM

Conference Room, Irene Hall Museum Resource Center, 4300 North Westport Avenue

Board Present: Roger Buechler, Greg Olsen, Jerry Beckler, Chris Brockevelt, Diane Olson, Jerry Beckler, Jeff Barth, Arthur Kriens, Cole Heisey, John Nordlie

Board Absent: Jennifer Sigette, Curt Sohl

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director

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

Minutes of the July Meeting were circulated. Diane Olson moved to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeff Barth. The motion passed on vote.

Public Input: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director shared two e-mails from satisfied customers who had rented the Old Courthouse Museum.

Diane Olson reported on the activities of the Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance. The Alliance conducted their Meat Raffle on July 22. There is no Alliance Meeting in August because of the Exhibit Opening Reception at the Old Courthouse Museum on August 14. The next Alliance Board meeting will be Thursday, September 11.

Diane Olson report on the Collections Committee Meeting held on July 30 at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center. Diane commented on the progress of the committee through the AASLH Steps Standards for Collections Management. The principal change discussed at the committee meeting was adding acquisition review to the Collections Committee tasks. Improved transparency for the process of artifact acquisition was also discussed. Diane also discussed possible de-accessions from the museum collection recommended by Curator of Collections Jessie Nesseim. A list of artifacts with photographs was circulated and reviewed by the board. Jerry moved that the Museum Board accept the recommendation of the Collections Committee to de-accession the recommended items from the Collection. Jeff Barth seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum budget balances as of July 31, 2025. Bill reminded the Board Members Present of the Joint Budget Hearing schedule for Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at 5 PM at the Carnegie Town Hall. The budget requests a total



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of \$930,654 in support from the City of Sioux Falls, \$955,554 from Minnehaha County and \$246,760 in support from the Museum Revenue Funds for 2026.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a report on the Museum Operation in July. Highlights include Staff presented 36 programs for 1,438 people on and off site in July. The Old Courthouse Museum roof project continued in July with work on the Clock Tower. Summer Concerts were held Friday Noon in July. The new exhibit “George Catlin” opened at the Old Courthouse Museum. Staff closed the “Playing Favorites” exhibit at the Old Courthouse Museum and began the installation of the “Indigenous America” exhibit which opens August 14. Bill handed out information on attendance based on who signed the guest book at the Pettigrew in the first two quarters of 2025.

Cole commented on the repairs to the plaza benches between the Old Courthouse Museum and the Department of Equalization.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 PM.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be on Thursday, September 4, 2025, 11:30 AM in the Law Library of the Old Courthouse Museum, 200 W. 6th Street.

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”*

