



Minutes

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, October 9, 2025

Program Room, Pettigrew Home and Museum, 131 N. Duluth Avenue

Board Present: Roger Buechler, Greg Olsen, Jerry Beckler, Diane Olson, Jeff Barth, Curt Sohl, John Nordlie, Cole Heisey

Board Absent: Jennifer Sigette, Chris Brockevelt, Arthur Kriens.

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director Jessie Nesseim, Curator of Collections.

John Nordlie called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

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

Public Input: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director shared a story of the new “Indigenous Peoples” exhibit at the Old Courthouse Museum. The exhibit his very popular.

Diane Olson reported on the activities of the Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance. The Alliance cleared \$1500 in the meat raffle. The Alliance Board has a number of sponsored programs coming in October including Halloween at the Old Courthouse Museum. Volunteer Judges for the costume contest are being sought. The Alliance is investigating setting up a Venmo Account which will allow electronic donations. The next Alliance Board meeting will be Thursday, October 9.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum budget balances as of September 29, 2025. All budgets are tracking well for the year. There was a discussion about natural gas prices. It is Bill’s understanding that the Old Courthouse Museum and Irene Hall Museum Resource Center are under the Minnehaha County Natural Gas contract and that Pettigrew is under the City contract.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a report on the Museum Operation in September. Highlights include Staff presented 26 programs for 2,612 people on and off site in September. The Old Courthouse Museum roof project continued in September with the installation of new attic dormer windows. The roof project is anticipated to be completed in mid-October. Mural conservation on the main stairway at the Old Courthouse Museum will take place October 4-8. Five restored stain glass windows will be re-installed on October 14. The George Catlin Lithograph exhibit closed on Monday, October 6. The



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gallery is being prepared for the next exhibit with plaster repair and painting. Exhibit furniture installation in Gallery III will begin next week. The exhibit, "South Dakota Celebrates" opens on November 13. The "Wallace Dow" traveling exhibit is rented to the Lake County Museum in Madison, South Dakota for September and October. Bill reviewed some of the upcoming programs including Haunted Bus Tours in October (tickets are sold out) and Woodlawn by Lantern October 16, 17, 18.

The Collections Committee met on September 24 at 10 AM at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center. Roger, Jerry, Greg and Diane briefly reviewed the proceedings of the committee which included discussions on collections management and policy and the standards recommended by the AASLH Steps program. The committee reviewed Collections Standard Three: *"The institution's culture, policies and procedures are inclusive and equitable."* And standard four: *"The staff and volunteers are well aware of the origin story and are trained in it's recounting. The collections stories are shared through research, writing, programs and exhibitions."* The committee continues to review these professional standards. The next Committee Meeting is November 6 at 9:30 AM at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center.

The Museum Facilities Committee will be meeting on Thursday, October 9 at 12:30 PM at the Pettigrew Home and Museum, Following the October Museum Board Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be on Thursday, November 6, 2025, 11:30 AM, at the Conference Room of the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center, 4300 North 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"*

