



## **Minutes**

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, September 4, 2025

Law Library, Old Courthouse Museum, 200 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street

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

Board Absent: Jennifer Sigette, Curt Sohl, Cole Heisey, Chris Brockevelt

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director

Arthur Kriens, Board Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

Minutes of the August Meeting were circulated. Jerry Beckler moved to approve the minutes as published. The motion was seconded by John Nordlie. The motion passed on vote.

Public Input: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director shared a thank you note from a former Museum Intern, and the Sioux Falls Visitor Guide. Bill and Jerry shared the comments of Council Member Barranco at the Joint Budget Hearing regarding wireless internet in the Old Courthouse Museum. Wireless Internet is being investigated and priced. It would be a public service.

Diane Olson reported on the activities of the Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance. The Alliance Board did not hold a meeting in August. The exhibit opening reception was held at the Old Courthouse Museum on August 14. The next Alliance Board meeting will be Thursday, September 11.

The Endowment Committee report on the meeting held on August 28 at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center. Bill Hoskins presented the Annual Report from the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation for the period of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. Bill also handed out a history of the Endowment Fund for reference. The Committee voted unanimously to accept the Endowment Annual Report. Bill Hoskins presented the Museum Request for 2025/2026 for revenue from the Siouxland Heritage Museums Endowment Fund managed by the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation. Jerry enquired about the number of artifacts conserved by the Museum Endowment over the years. The Director shared a report on artifacts conserved with Endowment money. The Endowment Committee recommended that total of \$90,000 be appropriated for the recommended projects, (\$20,000 for Exhibit Development, \$15,000 for mural conservation, \$10,000 for the stain glass, \$10,00 for image marketing of the Siouxland Heritage Museums, \$15,000 for Museum Interns, \$15,000 for PT Staff and \$4,500 for



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Museum Staff Training). Jerry moved that the committee recommendation the Museum Board to disburse \$90,000 be accepted. Diane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Diane commented that the fund has grown well over recent years (current balance is 2.8 million, with a million in growth over the last five years) and that a new goal for the fund should be \$3 Million Dollars. Endowment dollars are accounted for in the Museum Budget in the Special Enterprise Fund.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum budget balances as of September 2, 2025. Bill and Jerry commented on the Joint Budget Hearing at the Carnegie Town Hall on August 26. The budget requests a total 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 August. Highlights include Staff presented 34 programs for 2,885 people on and off site in August. The Old Courthouse Museum roof project continued in August with work on the Clock Tower. Summer Concerts were held Friday Noon in August. The new exhibit "Indigenous America" opened at the Old Courthouse Museum on August 14. Bill mentioned upcoming programs including Homesteader Day September 7, Haunted Bus Tours in October and Woodlawn by Lantern October 16, 17, 18.

The Collections Committee is meeting on September 24 at 10 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.

Diane spoke about the State Theater which will be celebrating it's 100 th year in 2026 and the expansion plans for the Levitt.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:16 PM.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be on Thursday, October 9, 2025, 11:30 AM in the Program Room of the Pettigrew Home and Museum, 131 North 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"*

