



Minutes

Museum Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, November 6, 2025,

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

Board Present: Jerry Beckler, Chris Brockevelt, Curt Soehl, Roger Buechler, Jeff Barth, Arthur Kriens, Diane Olson, Jennifer Sigette

Board Absent: Greg Olson, Cole Heisey, John Nordlie

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, Jessie Nesseim, Curator of Collections and Eric Bogue, Minnehaha County Chief Civil Deputy State's Attorney.

Chris Brockevelt, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:31 AM with a quorum present.

Jerry Beckler moved to adopt the agenda as printed. Roger Buechler seconded the motion. The motion was passed on vote.

Jeff moved to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Jeff seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Public Input: Jennifer ask that "Public Input" be placed at the bottom of the agenda.

Eric Bogue, Chief Civil Deputy State's Attorney, conducted a review of the South Dakota Open Meeting Laws. He handed out to the Museum Board the SD Attorney General's Office guide to "Conducting the Public's Business in Public, A Guide to South Dakota's Open Meeting Laws (Revised 2025)" Eric also reviewed the laws using a power point in support of the presentation. The board thanked Eric for the briefing.

Diane Olson, Alliance Vice President, reported on the Museum Alliance. She commented on some of the upcoming programs sponsored by the Alliance including the Exhibit opening reception on November 13, the Holiday Open House at the Pettigrew on December 11 and the Alliance Annual Meeting January 22.

Diane Olson delivered a report for the Collections Committee which met on November 6 at 9:30 AM. The committee reviewed conservation projects including the Mural Conservation on the main stairway of the Old Courthouse Museum and the on-going stain glass window restoration. Diane also commented on the progress of the committee in reviewing the American Association for State and Local History's (AASLH) STEPS program for Collections Management. The Collections Committee has moved through the first seven standards in the program. As a result, staff have developed FAQs about what the Museum Collects and will post the FAQs on the website in the new year. This will help our transparency.



200 W. 6th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Strong Foundation. Strong Future.

Equal Opportunity Employer and Service Provider

P: (605)367-4210

F: (605)367-6004

siouxlandmuseums.com



Jerry Beckler reported on the Museum Facilities Committee which met on October 9 at 12:30 PM. The committee reviewed several current and future building projects for the Old Courthouse Museum and the Pettigrew Home and Museum. The committee went on a top to bottom tour of the Pettigrew Museum.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, presented a financial update to the board regarding Museum Budget as of October 28, 2025. Bill stated that most of the 2025 budgets are tracking well.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a report on the Museum Operation over the last month. Highlights include Museum staff presented 71 programs on and off site to 2,835 people in October. The staff presented 130 tours of the historic Pettigrew Home in October. The Haunted Bus Tours and Woodlawn By Lantern Tours were sold out. Bill reported that the Museum increased the number of seats available for the Haunter Tour from 20 to 34 and sold out all seats. Over 1,100 Trick or treaters came to the Old Courthouse Museum on Halloween. The new exhibit, "Parade. Picnics & Pageants South Dakota Celebrates" in Gallery III, Second Floor at the Old Courthouse Museum is almost complete. The Educational Services Booklet has been delivered to the schools in Sioux Falls and Minnehaha County for the 2025-2026 school year. As a result, staff has presented many programs in the schools (in example 32 Starlab programs in October). The Old Courthouse Museum Roof project held the substantial completion inspection on October 31.

The Museum Board reviewed the proposed schedule for Museum Board Meetings in 2026. Curt moved to adopt the list of dates omitting July 2. His motion was seconded by Jeff. The motion passed on vote.

Thursday, January 8, 2026	Irene Hall Museum Resource Center	11:30 AM
Thursday, February 4, 2026	Irene Hall Museum Resource Center	11:30 AM
Thursday, March 4, 2026	Irene Hall Museum Resource Center	11:30 AM
Thursday, April 2, 2026	Pettigrew Home and Museum	11:30 AM
Thursday, May 7, 2026	Irene Hall Museum Resource Center	11:30 AM
Thursday, June 4, 2026	Old Courthouse Museum	11:30 AM
Thursday, August 6, 2026	Irene Hall Museum Resource Center	11:30 AM
Thursday, September 3, 2026	Old Courthouse Museum	11:30 AM
Thursday, October 1, 2026	Pettigrew Home and Museum	11:30 AM
Thursday, November 5, 2026	Irene Hall Museum Resource Center	11:30 AM
Thursday, December 3, 2026	Board/Staff Lunch	11:30 AM

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, December 4, 2025, at 11:30 AM at the Old Courthouse Museum 200 West 6th Street. This is a board and staff lunch.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 PM.

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”*