



## **Minutes**

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, January 8, 2026, 11:30 AM

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

Board Present: Arthur Kriens, Deanna Parker, Tom Benz, Diane Olson, Greg Olsen, Jeff Barth, Cole Heisey

Board Absent: Curt Solh, Jennifer Segnite, John Nordlie

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director,

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, called the meeting to order at 11:34 AM.

Bill asked if there were any nominations for the Chair, Vice Chair or Secretary of the Museum Board for the ensuing year. Diane nominated Arthur as Museum Board Chair. Greg seconded the motion. There were no further nominations. Arthur was elected chair by unanimous vote. Diane nominated Jeff as Vice Chair. Greg seconded the motion. There were no further nominations for Vice Chair. Jeff was elected by unanimous vote. Jeff nominated Deanna as the Secretary. Greg seconded the motion. There were no further nominations. Deanna was elected by unanimous vote. Congratulations to the victors.

Arthur Kriens, Chair of the Museum Board for 2026, took over the meeting.

Greg moved to approve the minutes of the December 2025 meeting. Diane seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Diane Olson reported that the Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance will hold their Annual Meeting at the Pettigrew Home and Museum on Thursday, January 22 at 5:30 PM. The program following the business meeting will be the dress rehearsal for the Murder Mystery. Diane also reported on the Alliance plans to hold a staff appreciation breakfast on Tuesday, March 3.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum 2025 budget balances as of December 29, 2025. Bill reminded the board that there is the 13<sup>th</sup> month during which assessments will be continued to be paid from the 2025 budget for expenses incurred in 2025. Cole asked about a supplement. Bill said that there had been a perceived need for a small supplement earlier this fall, but that the request had been withdrawn. Jeff asked if there were any concerns. Bill said that we did have a large PTO payout on Carloyn Johnson's departure. But the health insurance holidays savings helped to cover the payout. Cole asked if there were any anticipated staff changes in the coming



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year. Bill commented that the Museum Staff has just begun looking at the 2027 budget requests and is reviewing needs for the museum in 2027.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a report on the Museum Operation over the last month. Highlights include: The Siouxland Heritage Museums Endowment at the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation received donations in December. The total value is now approximately \$3.4 million. Total Museum Store Revenue was up 18% over previous year. Two new Part Time Staff started in December, Scarlett McGuinness and Mia Gochal. They will be working on Thursday evenings and on weekends. Winter Concerts continue at the Old Courthouse Museum in Friday at Noon through the end of February.

Bill was asked if the Museum would have a float in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. Bill explained several challenges related to County Holidays. There was discussion and it was suggested that maybe the Alliance sponsor a float in the parade. Bill will discuss it with staff and report it next month.

The Board reviewed and enrolled for board committee assignments for 2026. The complete list of committee assignments will be ready for the next Museum Board Meeting. Diane Olson commented on the Collections Committee being a lot of fun. Bill said the committee has been using the Association for States and Local History's "STEPS" program to discuss best practice for Museum Collections Management and how the Siouxland Heritage Museums can do better.

Public Input: Bill passed around a folder full of thank you notes from school children for a Pioneer Experience Program presented in the schools in December.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:36.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, February 5, 2026, 11:30 AM at 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"*

