



Minutes

Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, February 5, 2026

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

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

Board Absent: Jeff Barth, Curt Soehl, John Nordlie, Jennifer Sigetti

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director,

Arthur Kriens called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

Diane Olson moved the adoption of the Minutes of January 8, 2026, meeting as published. Greg Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Diane Olson reviewed the Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance Annual Report from the Alliance Annual Meeting on January 22 at the Pettigrew Home and Museum. She highlighted the various programs supported by the Museum Alliance a 501c3 friends' group for the museum. The Alliance Board meets on February 12 to elect officers for the new year.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum budget balances as of January 29, 2026.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director delivered a report on the Museum Operation over the last month. January Highlights include The Murder Mystery at the Pettigrew were sold out for all performances. Attendance at winter concerts at the Old Courthouse Museum was up. Bill Hoskins met with Mark Kriens and two civil engineers to discuss the replacement of the domestic water line into the Old Courthouse Museum. The line installed in 1912 also supplies water to the Public Defenders Office and the Department of Equalization. During the tour we discovered a deteriorated sewer line which was repaired that day. County IT is in the middle of switching over telephone for the Museums to a new telephone system. Upcoming activities include Concerts are every Friday Noon, through February. Regional competition for National History Day, March 12. Staff also participates in Water Festival and Women in Science.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, briefly reviewed the projects accomplished by the Museum in 2025.



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Cole asked about the demographics of our visitor and how the information was gathered. Bill responded that we use a number of sources including guest books at the Pettigrew and Old Courthouse Museum. The origin of Service/Research Requests and an actual count of attendees. Greg Olsen commented on the rotation of exhibits and the variety which brings visitors back year after year.

The Board Committee assignments were handed out. The Museum Board set dates for a number of Board committee meetings. The next Collections Committee is scheduled for March 5 at 10:00 AM at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center. The Museum Finance Committee will meet February 25 at 11:30 AM at the Pettigrew Home and Museum. The Visitor Experience Committee will meet on Friday, February 27 at 10 AM at the Pettigrew Home and Museum.

Public Input: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, March 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”*