



## Minutes

Museum Board Meeting

Siouxland Heritage Museums

Thursday, March 5, 2026

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

Board Present: Jeff Barth, Tome Benz, Lindsey Peterson, Deanna Parker, Greg Olsen, and Diane Olson,

Board Absent: Cole Heisey, Curt Soehl, Arthur Kriens, John Nordlie, Jennifer Sigette

Others in attendance: Bill Hoskins, Museum Director,

Deanna Parker called the meeting to order at 11:34 AM.

Greg Olsen moved the adoption of the Minutes of February 5, 2026, meeting as published. Diane Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Diane Olson reported on the activities of the Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance. The Alliance selected new officers at their February Meeting. Diane Olson is President, Jacob Ethiem is Vice President, Lori Marty is Treasurer. She mentioned some of the programs coming down the pike including the Meat Raffle, Historic Homes Tour, July 21 and Volunteer Banquet on April 21. The Alliance held a staff appreciation breakfast at the Old Courthouse Museum on March 3.

Bill Hoskins reviewed the Annual Report for the Siouxland Heritage Museums Special Enterprise Fund for 2025. Bill related the purpose of the fund, requirements of the resolution establishing the fund, revenues and expenses for the various categories in the Enterprise Fund and balances. The report will be forwarded to the Auditor's Office before April 1. The report also includes a brief rundown on the Museum Endowment and its growth and impact. Diane moved the board's adoption of the Enterprise Fund Report. Tom Benz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Finance Committee delivered their report on the 2027 budget. Proposed amounts as follows: Pettigrew Maintenance Budget, \$37,100; Old Courthouse Museum Maintenance, 59,900; Irene Hall Museum Resource Center, \$48,750; Museum Store, \$24,700 and Museum Special Enterprise Fund, \$226,490. Human Resource budget numbers are promised by Friday, March 13. Bill will send out information on the Operations Budget when he receives the HR Numbers.

Diane Olson report on the Collections Committee meeting at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center on March 5 at 10 AM. The Curator of Collections Jessie Nesseim gave the committee a tour of the facility. Jessie discussed various collections, future plans, projects and challenges. The committee discussed the



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Siouxland Heritage Museums Collections Policy and the use of the Association for State and Local History's STEPS program to discuss the best practice in Collections stewardship and management.

Diane delivered a brief update of the Visitor Experience Committee Meeting on Friday, February 27 at the Pettigrew Home and Museum. At the committee meeting, Molly Engquist, Curator of Exhibits, reviewed the Museum's 2026-2028 exhibits schedule and the exhibit process. The committee reviewed several proposals for program fee increases from Kevin Gansz, Curator of Education. Kevin also recommended the discontinuation of the \$20 deposit for Discovery Packs for the convenience of the visitor. The committee endorsed the program fee increases and recommended the changes to the Museum Board. Staci Peters recommended to the committee an increase in the rental fees for the Old Courthouse Museum Courtroom. The committee endorsed the recommended room rental rate increase. Jeff Barth moted the adoption of the proposed fee increases. Diane Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum budget balances as of February 26, 2026. Bill reviewed the 2026 budgets and what the respective budgets were used for.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a report on the Museum Operation over the last month. Museum staff presented 16 programs on and off site for 810 people as well as 69 guided tours of the Pettigrew Historic Home. The Winter Concert season concluded in February with 475 people in attendance. ITS installed a new CCTV system at the Old Courthouse Museum. The regional competition for National History Day will be held at the Old Courthouse Museum on March 12. Upcoming activities include St. Patrick's Day Family Dance, March 17 at the Old Courthouse Museum. *"It's About Time"* exhibit opening on April 16 at the Old Courthouse Museum, Volunteer Banquet on April 21.

The Board set the date for the next Collections Committee April 2, 2026, 10 AM at the Pettigrew Home and Museum.

Public Input: Bill Hoskins, told of an e-mail received from Jack Herman of Sinte Gleska University cancelling Northern Plains Tribal Arts, thanking the staff for their efforts since 1990 to keep the show going until now.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, April 2, 2026, 11:30 AM at the Pettigrew Home and Museum, 131 N. 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”*