

Minutes

Siouxland Heritage Museums Board Meeting,

Thursday, April 2, 2026

Program Room, Pettigrew Home and Museum, 131 North Duluth Avenue, Sioux Falls South Dakota

Board Members Present John Nordlie, Jeff Barth, Diane Olson, Greg Olsen, Deana Parker, Lindsey Peterson, Tom Benz, Jennifer Sigette, Curt Soehl. **Board Members Absent** Cole Heisey, Arthur Kriens **Other individuals present** Bill Hoskins Museum Director.

Call to Order

Jeff Barth, Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:32 AM.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Tom Benz moved that the minutes of the March 5, 2026, meeting be adopted as amended. Greg Olsen seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance Report

Diane Olson, Alliance President, reported on the activities of the Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance. She mentioned some of the programs coming up including the Meat Raffle, Historic Homes Tour and Volunteer Banquet. The exhibit opening reception for “It’s About Time” will be Thursday, April 16. The Siouxland Heritage Museums Volunteer Banquet will be held on Tuesday, April 21. Invitations for both events have been sent out. The Alliance pays for both the Exhibit Opening Reception and the Volunteer Banquet. Looking ahead, Marcy Bird is recruiting houses for the Alliance’s Historic Homes Tour on July 21. The Alliance is also planning a Meat Raffle fundraiser for the summer.

Museum Collections Committee Report

Diane Olson commented on the meeting of the Museum Collections Committee on April 2. The committee is working on revisions to the Collections Management Policy. As an aide the committee is using the American Association for State and Local History’s STEPS program. It sets out what the standard is for best practice in management.

Monthly Financial Update

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum budget balances as of March 25, 2026. Bill reviewed the 2026 budgets and what the respective budgets were used for. Diane Olson moved the acceptance of the financial report. Greg seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

Museum Director's Report

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a report on the Museum Operation over the last month. March Highlights include Staff presented 59 programs on and off site to 5,138 people. Programs included staff participation in National History Day, Women in Science, Sioux Empire Water Festival, St. Patrick's Day Family Dance, Ag Day as well as other museum programs. The "Now Hear This" closed on March 9. The installation of the "It's About Time" exhibit began. The Museum is currently recruiting Summer Interns; we have 50 applicants. The Main Fire Sprinkler Valve at the Pettigrew failed in March and has been replaced. There were several minor electrical issues to be repaired. The museum received \$1,400 in donations for the summer concerts in March. Museum staff are planning the Annual Volunteer Banquet on April 21 at 6:00 PM at the Old Courthouse Museum.

Regular Business

Bill Hoskins updated the board on the Department of Justice Accessibility standards and potential short-term impact. Curt commented that the City of Sioux Falls is going through a similar process. Implementation of the standards is April 24. The County is holding several training sessions on how to create documents which meet the new standard.

Bill Hoskins handed out an updated 2027 Budget Request Summary. The summary included Human Resource numbers received from the County Auditor's office in March. Curt asked for the percent increase over the 2026 budget. Bill did not have that figure but will e-mail it to Curt as soon as possible.

Public Input

Former County Commissioner and Museum Board Member Jeff Barth commented on the history of the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, May 7, 2026, 11:30 AM at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center, 4300 North Westport Avenue.

Museum Mission

"The Siouland Heritage Museums is dedicated to enhancing the experience of learning for our community, its families and visitors through collections, preservation and interpretation of history"