

Minutes

Siouxland Heritage Museums Board Meeting,
Thursday, May 7, 2026.

Conference Room, Irene Hall Museum Resource Center, 4300 North Westport Avenue,
Sioux Falls South Dakota

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

Call to Order

Arthur Kriens, Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:41 AM.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Jeff Barth moved that the minutes of the April 2, 2026, meeting be adopted as printed. Diane Olson 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. Diane discussed the Annual Volunteer Banquet which took place on April 21 at the Old Courthouse Museum. Deana Darr was the Volunteer of the Year. Rich Burns, Gloria Houle and Micheal Gregg received the Siouxland Heritage Museums Award for outstanding "Outstanding achievement and dedication in the promotion of collections, preservation and interpretation of history." Diane Olson mentioned some of the programs coming up the summer including the Meat Raffle in June and July, and the Historic Homes Tour scheduled for July 21.

Monthly Financial Update

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum budget balances as of April 28, 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. April Highlights include Staff presented 55 programs on and off site to 1,782 people. New exhibit opened at the Old Courthouse Museum on April 16 entitled "It's About Time". The exhibit features historic pieces from the Sioux Falls Area. The Annual Volunteer banquet was held on April 21 honoring the 137 people who volunteered for 4,612 hours for

the museum operation in 2025. The Museum received a \$10,000 donation for Collections Supplies and Materials. The Sioux Falls Press newspapers from 1900 to 1917 have been digitized and are available to the public for the first time since publication. The Sioux Falls Press was a competitor to the Argus Leader from 1883 to 1927. Two summer Interns will be starting after Memorial Day for a 12-week internship. The internship is funded by the Museum Endowment. Staff removed 15 storm windows from Pettigrew and are reglazing the windows with UV polycarbonate. The frames are being repaired or rebuilt as necessary in the Museum shop and repainted in addition to reglazing. The replacement domestic water project bid specs at the Old Courthouse Museum are in the hands of the States Attorney for review. The Museum received drawings of the Wheelchair deck replacement at the Old Courthouse Museum for review. The domestic water and the wheelchair ramp are county Building Fund projects. Staff is presenting lots of school programs the next couple weeks. Registration for summer programs is open. Pioneer Day Camp is full. Victorian Day Camp is full. The Museum is looking into running a second because of demand. Into the Pit Quarry Tour still have seats but some dates are filled. The museum received \$500 in donations for the summer concerts in April.

Regular Business

The Board discussed various meeting dates for the Museum Board, Collections Committee, Visitor Experience Committee and Executive Committee. The board set the Visitor Experience Committee to meet on May 18 at 10 AM at the Old Courthouse Museum. The Executive Committee will meet on May 28, at 9 AM at the Old Courthouse Museum. The Collections Committee will meet on June 4 at 10:00 Am at the Old Courthouse Museum.

Public Input

Bill Hoskins shared comments about the “Symbol of Freedom, The American Flag” exhibit which has been on loan to the Rock County Historical Society in Luverne Minnesota. Bill also shared an article in 605 Magazine which featured the Museum.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, June 4, 2026, 11:30 AM at the Law Library of the Old Courthouse Museum, 200 West 6th Street, Sioux Falls.

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”