

Minutes

Siouxland Heritage Museums Board Meeting,
Thursday, June 4, 2026.

Law Library, Old Courthouse Museum, 200 West 6th Street, Sioux Falls South Dakota

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

Call to Order

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

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Greg Olsen moved that the minutes of May 7, 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 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.

Museum Board Collections Committee

Diane Olson delivered the report for the committee. The Collections Committee met at the Old Courthouse Museum on June 4. Staff provided the committee with information about several collections. The Museum has an original set of the Sioux Falls Press newspapers; the museum has just completed the digitalization of the duplicates from 1900 to 1917. Museum Staff has checked with the Siouxland Libraries who is no longer collecting physical newspapers as well as the South Dakota State Archives which is taking several volumes to fill out their collection. The museum has also been storing burned bound government documents which were badly damaged in a fire in 1937. These are not unique documents. They did belong to R. F. Pettigrew but are unusable by the museum or the public. The committee recommends that the books have no value and should be recycled. Bill Hoskins also told the committee about the artifacts housed in Station number 1, Sioux Falls Fire Department. Museum Staff is working with the Fire Department to advise them on better storage techniques. Museum and fire department Staff are also discussing possible joint programs.

Museum Board Visitor Experience Committee

Deana Parker gave the committee report. The Visitor Experience Committee met on May 18 at the Old Courthouse Museum. The committee reviewed plans for the new exhibits for the second floor of the Pettigrew Museum scheduled to open in November 2026. The committee also reviewed proposed guidelines for Paranormal Research at the Old Courthouse Museum.

Monthly Financial Update

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum budget balances as of May 26, 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. May Highlights include Staff presented 93 programs on and off site to 3,802 people. The Museum received donations of \$2,200. Two summer Interns started their 12-week internship. The internship is funded by the Museum Endowment. Staff is reglazing 15 storm windows from Pettigrew 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 domestic water and the wheelchair ramp are county Building Fund projects. Staff is presenting lots of school programs. Registration for summer programs is open. Pioneer Day Camp is full. Victorian Day Camp is full. The Museum is looking into running a second Victorian Day Camp in July because of demand. Into the Pit Quarry Tours for June are Full. More Quarry Tour s will be held in July and August.

Regular Business

The next Museum Board Meeting will be August 6 at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center. There is no meeting in July. The Collections Committee will meet on August 6 at 10:00 AM.

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 12:15.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, August 6, 2026, 11:30 AM at the Conference Room of the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center, 4300 North Westport Avenue, 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”