

Minutes

Siouxland Heritage Museums Board Meeting,
Thursday, August 6, 2026.

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

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

Call to Order

Arthur Kriens, Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:37 AM.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Diane Olson moved that the minutes of June 4, 2026, meeting be adopted as printed. Deanna Parker 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. The Alliance Historic Homes Tour on July 21 was attended by 271 people. Diane Olson mentioned anticipated success of the Meat Raffle while having no specific information at this time. Diane spoke of the possible need for the Alliance to set to paper Partnership parameters for the Alliance and other groups which may be involved in future cooperative programming.

Museum Board Collections Committee

Diane Olson delivered the report for the committee. The Collections Committee met at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center on August 6. Staff provided the committee with updates on several collections management projects. Staff are also discussing possible joint programs. The Argus Leader photographic print collection organization, re-housing, and cataloging, is nearing completion by the end of the year. The textile collection received a donation of \$10,000 to improve the storage of historic clothing. The sculpture collection has been relocated from the Old Courthouse Museum to the Irene Hall Museum resource Center Art vault by the Interns this summer. Diane also discussed the committee's progress on the AASLH STEPS program on Collections Management. The STEPS discussion is helping the committee update the Collections Management policy.

Monthly Financial Update

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum budget balances as of August 3, 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 38 programs on and off site to 1931 people. The Museum received donations of \$5,470. Two-Part Time Museum Aides have resigned. The summer Interns are doing great. Leah leaves August 14, Grace on August 21. The internship is funded by the Museum Endowment. Staff has reglazed a total of 25 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 bids were opened. Contract with State's Attorney's Office. The second Floor Pettigrew Galleries will close September 21. New exhibits are in the design and construction phases. The galleries will reopen on November 19. The traveling exhibits "The Symbol of Freedom the American Flag is out at the Lake County, Museum in Madison and will go to the Pipestone County Museum in August. The Radiomen Exhibit was at Aviation Day in July. Fall programming is right around the corner. Tickets for the Haunted Bus tours and the Woodlawn by Lantern Program will go on sale September 12.

October 5, 2026, will be the 100th Anniversary of the death of Richard Franklin Pettigrew. In his honor the Pettigrew Historic House will be decorated for morning from September 14 to November 16.

Regular Business

The next Museum Board Meeting will be September 3 at the Pettigrew Home and Museum. The Endowment Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 12 at 11:30 AM at the Museum Resource Center. The Collections Committee will meet on September 3 at 10:00 AM at the Pettigrew Home and Museum.

Public Input

Cole reminded everyone that the Joint Budget Hearing for the Museum's 2027 Budget will be on Tuesday August 25.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:47.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be Thursday, September 3, 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”