

Minutes

Siouxland Heritage Museums Board Meeting,
Thursday, September 3, 2026.

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

Board Members Present, Arthur Kriens, Diane Olson, Deana Parker, Lindsey Peterson, Jeff Barth, and John Nordlie. **Board Members Absent**, Tom Benz, Greg Olsen, Cole Heisey, Jennifer Sigette, **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

Diane Olson moved that the minutes of August 6, 2026, meeting be adopted as printed. John Nordlie 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 279 people. Diane Olson mentioned success of the Meat Raffle which raised \$1,645. Diane reported on the receipt by the Alliance of \$40,000 gift for Museum Collections projects.

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. 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.

Endowment Committee Report

The Siouxland Heritage Museums Endowment committee met at the Irene Hall Museum Resource Center on August 12 to review the annual reports of the Museum Endowment at the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation. The foundation is on July 1 to June 30 fiscal year and reports are made available in late July. The balance of the Museum Endowment is \$3,807,129.56 as of June 30, 2026. There is approximately \$132,000 available for

distribution. The Committee recommends that \$96,000 be distributed for exhibit development, artifact conservation, bus scholarship, Image marketing, building restoration, museum interns and staff training. Deana Parker moved to accept the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Lindsey Peterson. The motion passed on vote.

Monthly Financial Update

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, delivered a financial update to the board regarding Museum budget balances as of September 1, 2026. Bill reviewed the 2026 budgets and what the respective budgets were used for. Deana moved the acceptance of the financial report. Lindsey 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. Bill handed out copies of the Educational Services Booklet and the Planning your Special Event booklet. August highlights include staff presented 31 programs on and off site to 2,885 people. Staff have 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 Domestic Water project starts on Tuesday. The second-floor Pettigrew exhibit galleries will close on September 21. New exhibits are in the design and construction phases. The galleries will reopen on November 19. The traveling exhibits "Th Symbol of Freedom the American Flag" moved from Lake County Museum in Madison to the Pipestone County Museum for September and October. Fall programming is right around the corner. Tickets for the Haunted Bus tours and the Woodlawn by Lantern Program will go on sale to Alliance members on September 5 and to the public on 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 on October 1 at the Old Courthouse Museum at 11:30 AM. The Collections Committee will meet on Thursday, October 1 at 11:30 AM at the Old Courthouse Museum.

Copies of the draft Paranormal Research Guidelines were reviewed by the Museum Board. The board members made several changes. Bill will bring the edited version back to the October meeting for approval.

Sara Pankonin will be appointed to the Museum Board as the Mayor's designee on September 8 to replace Curt Soehl.

Public Input

Bill passed around several thank you notes to staff for the space rentals.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:18.

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”