

SIoux CITY PUBLIC MUSEUM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
August 3, 2016

A meeting of the Sioux City Public Museum Board of Trustees was held Wednesday, August 3, 2016, at 12:00 p.m. at the Sioux City Public Museum.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michele Boykin
Katie Colling
Janet Flanagan
Priscilla Forsyth
Rick Mullin
Ben Nesselhuf
Wendy Lego

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Hansen
Deanna Mayo

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:30 p.m. by Chair Rick Mullin.

Minutes: *Flanagan made a motion to approve the July 8 minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Lego and passed unanimously.*

Financial Report: Hansen reported the financial report reflects 8% of the budget lapsed with 9% spent. The beginning of each fiscal year includes a few one-time expenses. *Forsyth made a motion to approve the financial report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Colling and passed unanimously.*

OLD BUSINESS:

Museum Facilities: Hansen reported the Museum submitted a request for bids for the exterior painting at the Sgt. Floyd River Museum & Welcome Center. Bids will be due by August 15 with a completion date set for October 15. Hansen noted he has been in contact with the yard service contractor regarding a continuing issue with weeds on the Museum plaza. Hansen gave a shout out to Kelly Bach and his employees for promptly removing some buckets of dirt for the Museum. Forsyth reported she visited the Welcome Center and stated the employees were very friendly and it made for a good experience.

Exhibitions and Events: Hansen reported the *Backstage Pass Rolling Stone's* exhibit will be closing at the end of the coming week and the *African Wax Prints* exhibit will close in the middle of August. Hansen noted both exhibits brought in a new demographic and many multi-generation family groups. Upcoming temporary exhibits will include *New to You: Recent Donations* and *A Photo Album of Ireland*. Hansen reported Sam Seldon's family picked up approximately 5 radios that are on display through a temporary loan but noted they also brought 2 new radios for display. Hansen has solicited two bids for the initial design and conceptual for the permanent sports exhibit. Further discussion will be held at the September meeting. Hansen stated a recent walk-in donation included an Olympic uniform and jacket of George Lambert that was found in an attic at 1903 Ross Street. Hansen reported summer programs will be wrapping up but several pre-school groups are still scheduling visits. The Museum will be hosting Dan Wardell and Clifford the Big Red Dog for two sessions on August 9. Mullin reported the Siouxland Film Festival will be using Stoney Creek this year as their headquarters hotel to eliminate set up and take down that was necessary when using a variety of locations. Hansen reported the Association's Annual Car Show had approximately eighty cars participating in the

show and the nice weather helped with visitor attendance. Hansen stated the All American Concert Band will hold their Ice Cream Jam on the Museum plaza on August 31st. The event will include free ice cream along with a car show.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joint Council Meeting: A Joint Meeting of the City Council and Museum Board of Trustees was held at 12:00 p.m. The following Council Members were present on call of the roll: Capron, Groetken and Moore. Absent: Radig and Scott. **(Radig entered at 12:01 p.m.)**

City Staff members present included: Robert Padmore, City Manager; Justin Vondrak, Assistant City Attorney; Lisa McCardle, City Clerk;

Others present: Woody Gottburg, Sioux City Museum Historical Association.

Mullin welcomed everyone and provided statistics stating Museum attendance continues to rise, last fiscal year attendance was over 40,000; Sgt. Floyd Museum attendance was down at just over 21,000, it is assumed due to the I-29 construction project; and outreach programs involved almost 8,000 for a grand total of approximately 69,000 visitors attending free of charge.

Forsyth stated last year was the 6th highest donation year with 228 monetary donations from 205 donors; the Museum also received a total of 9,586 artifacts making it the 2nd highest year for artifact donations.

Hanson described the Olympic jacket which was on display; the jacket, from the 1956 Summer Olympics held in Melbourne, Australia, belonged to George Howard Lambert of Sioux City, Lambert graduated from Central High School in 1947. In addition to the jacket a friend of Lamberts donated several of Lamberts Olympic certificates. Mullen added that Davenport Cleaners cleaned the jacket as a donation to the Museum.

Flannigan provided information on outreach programs and programs such as History at High Noon that is held once a month at the Museum. Flannigan stated the Museum presents information on various topics to a number of groups such as Rotary Club, Beyond the Bell, pre-schools, and the Red Hat Ladies by visiting their meetings off-site or if preferred, the group can come to the Museum for presentations.

Colling spoke on the 9 temporary exhibits displayed last year such as the 25th Anniversary of Saturday in the Park; Day of the Dead; the Sioux City Orchestra's 100th Year; and a You Are the Curator exhibit in which the visitors voted on the one item from the Museum's collection that should be put on permanent display.

Lego spoke on the importance of volunteers to the Museum stating there were 117 volunteers last year that donated 7,433 hours; 1,000 hours more than the previous year. Lego stated the Museum is grateful and indebted to the service of the volunteers. Lego also stated Jim Jung, a member of the Historic Preservation Commission, donates his time to perform the yard work at the Peirce Mansion for the Museum.

Gottburg, President of the Museum Historical Association Board, stated the Association helps support Museum activities such as the Bill Diamond Show and Shine Car Show held at the Sgt Floyd River Museum; the Board also helps at the Peirce Mansion for scheduled events; and members occasionally act as tour guides at the Museum.

Nesselhuf spoke on collaboration with other groups such as IPTV; school groups; Human Rights Commission; League of Women Voters; Citizen's Academy; and the Race for the Cure. These collaborations help make the Museum a center for the community.

Boykin provided information on education stating last year there were 230 programs, an increase over the previous year. Boykin stated it has been a good summer and there haven't been any programs canceled. There have been multiple camps and programs held and all have been run by volunteers and Museum staff.

Moore and Capron thanked the Museum Board for the presentation and their service to the Board. Moore stated the Annual Boards and Commissions dinner will be held in September as a way of saying thank you to members of all City Council Appointed Boards, Commissions and Committees.

Radig stated the Sioux Apartments owner is trying to sell the old awning that was removed from the building; Radig encouraged the Board to think of ways to use it for its historic value. Radig also encouraged the board to use the square in front of the Museum in some manner; suggested diagonal parking on Nebraska St; and suggested leasing out empty space in the building.

Group discussion was held pertaining to volunteers and interdepartmental cooperation.

Council thanked the Board Members for their service to the Museum. There being no further business, the City Council meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m., on motion by Radig, seconded by Groetken; all voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT: *There being no further business, Forsyth made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Flanagan and passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Hansen".

Steve Hansen, Museum Director