

**Minutes
Siouxland Heritage Museums
Board Meeting
Thursday, October 4, 2012
Pettigrew Home and Museum**

Present: Virgil Andersen, Sandy Dean, Marty DeWitt, Ron Helwig, Beth MacDonald, Tim Schendel, Glenda Schmid, Pat McGreevy, Bill Hoskins,

Absent: Jeff Barth, Michelle Erpenbach, Mary Dean Janklow,

Tim Schendel called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

The minutes of the September Meeting were approved as published.

Bill Hoskins passed around several notes and letters from the public to the Museum thanking the staff for their services. Pictures of Molly Engquist's chalk drawing of the Old Courthouse Museum for Sidewalk Arts.

Reports:

Bill delivered the Alliance Report. The next board meeting is November 8. The Alliance Board will be discussing the 2013 Alliance Budget and the next Annual Meeting.

There was no Financial Report for September, 2012.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director presented the Director's Report for September including some highlights for the month. Highlights included:

- Overall attendance is up 4% over the same period last year. Attendance in September is down from September, 2011. Last September we hosted the Traveling WW I Exhibit which brought in over 1,500 in one day.
- Sidewalk Arts Booth and Homesteader Day were both successful for the year.
- New Educational Service Booklet for 2012-2013 School Year is out Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County and some regional schools.
- Benjamin Devlin was hired as the new Museum Interpreter effective September 26.
- Tickets for Haunted Bus Tour and Ghosts & Graves tour are on Sale.
- Judges are need for the Halloween Costume Party on October 31.
- Tracy Seiner, Museum Events Coordinator resigned effective August 30. The Position was posted September 14 and closed October 1. There were 124 applicants. Interviews to happen week of October 8-12.

Regular Business

Bill briefly reviewed the City/County Ad Hoc Committee meeting on the Collections Center Project.

Bill Hoskins presented information on the Museum Guest Book Attendance for both the Old Courthouse Museum and the Pettigrew Home and Museum for the first three quarters of 2012. So far this year the Old Courthouse has had visitors from 48 states, 1 US Territory and 25 foreign countries. The Pettigrew has had visitors from 46 states and 13 foreign countries.

Bill reviewed several proposed policy revisions for the Museum Rental Booklet. Marty moved that the recommended revisions be approved. Virgil seconded the motion and the motion passed on vote.

The meeting Adjourned at 11:59 AM.

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”*