Platteville Museum Board Minutes

September 18, 2019

Board Members Present: Garrett Jones, Barb Stockhausen, Bill Van Deest, Dee Woolf
Others Present: Erik Flesch (Board Liaison) Call to order at 4:43 by Bill Van Deest

Minutes of August 21, 2019 Museum Board meeting approved on motion by Barb, second from Dee.

Director’s Monthly Report
• Director Flesch provided a summary of the city manager’s proposed 2020 City CIP Budget, which includes $10,000 for the rock school roof renovations, but does not include any funding for HVAC improvements or renovation of the Mining Museum building.
• Director Flesch provided an update on several recent and upcoming grant applications.
  o A grant of $3,000 has been requested from the PCF, as a match to a generous $3,000 contribution from Duane Deyoung, to repair and refurbish the dump trucks on display behind the Mining Museum.

Collections Monthly Report
• Tracey Roberts continues to work on collections care, organization, and documentation on a part-time basis. This month a primary focus was on organizing rocks and artifacts in the Green Room (Rock School 2nd floor).

Friends of The Mining and Rollo Jamison Museum Report
• Bill provided a report on the previous Friends Board meeting.

Old Business
• Director Flesch provided an overview of the current and 2020 budgets. The 2020 proposal is similar to the current budget, which was last adjusted when the Museum Educator position was discontinued and replaced by two half-time positions.

New Business
• To accommodate member schedules, the board changed the Museums Board meeting time to 4:45 on a motion from Barb, second from Dee.
• Director Flesch explained the implications of a lightning strike that occurred early Tuesday morning, including updates on the necessary repairs and the insurance claim.
• Director Flesch shared information regarding the city’s insurance liability coverage as it relates to the museum property and events.
• The Board discussed Director Flesch’s recommendation that (1) the Historic Reenactment Committee formally become a sub-committee of the Friends of the Museums Board and that (2) the city endorse the Friends Board as a city entity to ensure Friends activities (potentially including the reenactment) are covered by insurance.

Adjournment at 6:05 p.m. on motion by Barb, second from Bill.

Submitted by Garrett Jones, Board Secretary