Platteville Museum Board Minutes

October 16, 2019

Board Members Present: Garrett Jones, Barb Stockhausen, Bill Van Deest, Dee Woof, Mark Stead, Mike Hahn, Deb Rice

Others Present: Erik Flesch (Board Liaison)    Call to order at 4:45 by Bill Van Deest

Minutes of September 18, 2019 Museum Board meeting approved on motion by Barb, second from Dee.

Director’s Monthly Report
- Director Flesch provided a summary of recent buildings and grounds projects, including the progress in pumping water from the mine, the recent installation of working phones in the museum office and front desk, and progress in refinishing the two mining dumptors.
- Director Flesch provided a preview of upcoming programs, including the upcoming Bottom of the Mine Blast, horse-drawn carriage rides in December, and the Friends Annual Meeting.
- Director Flesch provided a summary of pending and upcoming grant applications.

Collections Monthly Report
- Tracey Roberts and Museums Operations Assistant Amanda Heinsohn continue to work on collections care, organization, and documentation. Work organizing rocks and artifacts in the Green Room (Rock School 2nd floor) continues. Amanda is leaving the museum staff at the end of the month – the Board thanks her for her excellent work on behalf of the museums.

Friends of The Mining and Rollo Jamison Museum Report
- Bill and Dee provided a report on the previous Friends Board meeting.
- Director Flesch provided a summary of the progress toward the $50,000 fundraising goal and shared initial steps taken toward a capital campaign.

Old Business
- Director Flesch provided an update on the 2020 budget process. The proposed City Manager budget presented to the Common Council in an October 15th budget review meeting will need to be revisited due to the incorrect inclusion of $27,000 of grant revenues (accidently carried over from the 2019 budget) before final approval submission to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

New Business
- The Board voted to request that the City Council validate the Friends of the Mining and Rollo Jamison Museums as an endorsed entity on the city’s general liability insurance on motion by Mike, second from Mark. Becoming an endorsed entity would ensure liability coverage for Friends events, including the Historic Reenactment, which is now overseen by a subcommittee of the Friends of the Museums.
- Director Flesch provided an update on progress toward 2019 department goals.

Adjournment at 5:56 p.m. on motion by Mike, second from Mark. After adjournment the Board toured the Rock School to see progress in the Green Room and view the collections on the 2nd floor.

Submitted by Garrett Jones, Board Secretary