

Platteville Museum Board Minutes

April 20, 2022

Board/Friends Members Present: Garrett Jones, Eileen Nickels, Mark Stead, Brad Brogley, Bill Van Deest

Others Present: Museums Director Erik Flesch (Board Liaison)

Call to order at 4:45 by Eileen Nickels

Minutes of the March 19, 2022 Museum Board meetings approved on motion by Brad, seconded by Eileen Nickels.

Director's Monthly Report

- Director Flesch provided a museums progress report covering buildings and grounds, planning, programs, education, and operations.
 - The Winter Lyceum series, which returned to an in-person program this year, was successful.
 - The Museum has hired a museum education specialist; Director Flesch intends to offer the museum services specialist role this week.
 - Fink Fencing will be back to correct and finish the railroad surround fence.
 - Preserve, LLC visited the campus to explore and observe the facilities in March, and will return in April. After the inspections are complete they will develop a facilities maintenance plan for the museums.
 - The plan to host Platteville School District enrichment summer school is postponed until 2023.
 - Director Flesch is working toward adding Pioneer Sweets ice cream to the retail store. The museums will request that the PCF cover the cost of two freezers.

Collections Monthly Report

- Director Flesch shared photographs of textiles “found in collection” (FIC) but not formally accessioned and recommended them for accession. Director Flesch shared information about an electrocardiogram used in a Platteville medical practice from the 1940s-1990s and recommended it for accession (pending confirmation of condition). The board accepted these recommendations on a motion from Garrett Jones, seconded by Brad Brogely.
 - The Board discussed but ultimately decided not to accession equipment used to locate new ore deposits in the Black Cloud Mine in Leadville, Colorado. This equipment comes from outside the Museums’ regional scope and there is no immediate or pending need for this equipment in the exhibitions or educational plans.
- The Minenwerfer Mortar will be transferred from Baker Iron Works to Droessler Restoration for further sandblasting and painting.
- Deteriorating storage facilities on the campus are accelerating the need for a potential new Collections Storage Building.

Friends of the Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums Report

- Director Flesch shared a final update on the pasty fundraising with the board. The sale raised approximately \$10,250. The Friends Board voted to hold the sale again next year.

New Business

- The Board discussed the Tommyknocker logo submissions to the City of Platteville.
- Director Flesch proposed inviting vendors to Mine Day (August). The Board vote to approve pursuing vendors related to the Museums mission and/or gems and mineral, as well as food vendors at 2022 Mine Day on motion from Garrett Jones, second from Bill Van Deest.
- Director Flesch shared the 2013 Museum Task Force recommendations, which were never formally implemented. The Board members will read the recommendations to consider how it may affect future staffing and budget deliberations.

Adjournment at 6:25 p.m. on motion by Mark Stead, second from Brad Brogely. Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 18.

Submitted by Garrett Jones, Board Secretary