

# Platteville Museum Board Minutes

August 17, 2022

**Board/Friends Members Present:** Garrett Jones, Eileen Nickels, Bill Van Deest, Deb Jenny, Kathy Connett  
**Others Present:** Museums Director Erik Flesch (Board Liaison)

**Call to order** at 4:50 by Eileen Nickels

**Minutes** of the July 2022 Museum Board meetings approved on motion by Eileen Nickels, seconded by Kathy Connett.

## Director's Monthly Report

- Director Flesch provided a museums progress report covering buildings and grounds, planning, programs, education, and operations.
  - The Dubuque Racing Association granted \$10,000 to the Museums to fund a development plan (\$25,000 is still needed to conduct a full capital campaign feasibility study).
  - Mine Day is this Saturday, August 20; preparations are well underway. Games will have rock- and mineral- oriented prizes; an early step in branding Mine Day as a geology-related celebration. Other activities will include bluegrass music, demonstrations, special exhibits, vendors, and promotions.
  - The Museums will again hold a pasty sale fundraiser. The sale will begin in early October and pick-up day is tentatively scheduled for Saturday November 19.
  - Director Flesch gave an overview of personnel changes, upcoming recruitment and hiring needs, and the managers budget proposal.

## Collections Monthly Report

- The collections team has been busy photographing and cataloging FIC (Found in Collections) textiles and oversize objects.

## Friends of the Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums Report

- Deb Jenny shared an update on the Friends Board. The Friends are serving concessions at Mine Day this Saturday and planning continues for the Miners Ball.

## Old Business

- Director Flesch shared an update on annual funds and fundraising. He shared information regarding a proposed \$25K "challenge grant" from an anonymous donor that will assist in raising funds for the feasibility study and will also match funds for annual operations costs.
- The next capital campaign steering committee meeting will be Friday, August 19.

**Adjournment** at 5:39 p.m. on motion by Garrett Jones, second from Bill Van Deest. Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 21.

Submitted by Garrett Jones, Board Secretary