

# Platteville Museum Board Minutes

November 16, 2022

**Board/Friends Members Present:** Garrett Jones, Eileen Nickels, Deb Jenny, Mark Stead, Cathy Connett, Brad Brogely

**Others Present:** Museums Director Erik Flesch (Board Liaison)

**Call to order** at 4:45 by Eileen Nickels

**Minutes** of the September 2022 Museum Board meetings approved on motion by Deb Jenny, seconded by Cathy Connet

## Director's Monthly Report

- Director Flesch provided a museums progress report covering buildings and grounds, planning, programs, education, and operations.
  - The 2022 Challenge Grant has raised over 84% (\$2,917) of the \$25,000 goal. These funds will be used for the Capital Campaign Feasibility Study; the dollar-for-dollar match will be used toward the Annual Fund.
  - The Hanmer Robbins roof replacement project – including flat roof replacement, painting, gutter replacement, and brick tuckpointing – continues and is near completion.
  - The museum will transition to the off-season schedule in the coming month.

## Collections Monthly Report

- Director Flesch shared a powder spoon (donated by Dave Hottenstein), photos of cyanide barrels and a majestic vacuum (donated by Steve Copland), and photos of a Victrola (a console model phonograph from the early 1900s) (donated by Nancy Moffett) and recommended them for accession. The board accepted these recommendations on a motion from Mark Stead, seconded by Cathy Connet.
- The museums were awarded the IMLS Inspire! Grant for Small Museums to help fund collections stewardship positions. There has been some turnover in collections personnel, so Director Flesch will post and fill the collections positions.

## Friends of the Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums Report

- Deb Jenny shared an update on the Friends Board.
  - The Friends are preparing for the Miner's Ball on February 4. The Friends are seeking donations to sell at the auction.
  - The annual meeting was held on November 5. Dr. Tera Montgomery presented on the UW-Platteville Ice Cream Enterprise, and pies and ice cream were enjoyed by all.
  - The pasty sale was a success. Over 2,000 pasties were sold.

## Old Business

- Director Flesch updated the board on the museums budget and the Annual Fund.
- Deb Jenny shared an update on the work of the Steering Committee. They are working toward creating a timeline and other "big picture" aspects of capital campaign planning.

## New Business

- The board decided to forego a December meeting and instead meet next in January, 2023.

**Adjournment** at 5:34 p.m. on motion by Mark Stead, second from Brad Brogely. Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 18, 2023.

Submitted by Garrett Jones, Board Secretary