

Platteville Museum Board Minutes

February 15, 2023

Board/Friends Members Present: Garrett Jones, Mark Stead, Kathy Connett, Bill Van Deest, Brad Brogley
Others Present: Museums Director Erik Flesch (Board Liaison)

Call to order at 4:47 by Bill Van Deest

Minutes of the January 2023 Museum Board meetings approved on motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Kathy Connett.

Director's Monthly Report

- Director Flesch provided a museums progress report covering buildings and grounds, planning, programs, education, and operations.
 - Preserve Design Studio LLC has submitted the first chapters of the long-term facilities preservation and maintenance plan; Director Flesch will begin reviewing the contents.
 - A "Hot Dawg" heater has been installed as a stopgap in the maintenance shop ensure temperature control while a long-term heat solution for that area and the Education Storage area.
 - The Miner's Ball was a success, the auction fundraiser netted approximately \$12,000.
 - The pasty sale is ongoing and wraps up Friday, February 17. Over 500 have been sold so far. Drive-through pickup in the Millennium Cinema parking lot will be Saturday, March 4.
 - The Winter Lyceum series begins this Sunday, February 19.
 - Director Flesch overviewed the current staffing assignments and recent/ongoing hiring.

Collections Monthly Report

- Director Flesch recommended accessioning a 1924 stock certificate for the Connecting Link Mining Co., donated by Burnell Smith, and Mining paraphernalia from the Eagle Picher Mine from Tom Golden. The board accepted this recommendation on a motion from Mark Stead, second from Kathy Connett.
- Director Flesch recommended accessioning an archival collection contained in a box from Bill Huff. The board accepted this recommendation on a motion from Brad Brogley, second from Kathy Connett.

Friends of the Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums Report

- Director Erik Flesch shared an update on recently fundraising by the Friends Board, including the ongoing pasty sale and the recent Miner's Ball.

New Business

- Amy Seeboth-Wilson has written and submitted a grant proposal to fund an energy audit for the museum campus. The grant also includes City of Platteville buildings and the Platteville School District buildings.
- Director Flesch shared developing plans to potentially host a Gem and Mineral Day in Platteville in 2024. Director Flesch is developing a relationship with the Badger Lapidary and Geological Society, including attending their Rock, Gem, and Mineral Show in Janesville in March, where he will be one of their fantastic speakers.
- Director Flesch proposed inviting Jim Winter, of "Driftless Digger," to Mine Day. He shares his findings from metal detecting, bottle digging, creek walking and magnet fishing in The Driftless Area.

Adjournment at 5:50 p.m. on motion by Mark Stead, second from Brad Brogley. Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 15, 2023.

Submitted by Garrett Jones, Board Secretary