

Platteville Museum Board Minutes

March 15, 2023

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

Call to order at 4:46 by Eileen Nickels

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

Director's Monthly Report

- Director Flesch provided a museums progress report covering buildings and grounds, planning, programs, education, and operations.
 - A new city manager has been hired; Director Flesch will provide him with an orientation of the Museums.
 - The drive-through pasty pick-up worked well, and the sale was successful (net income approximately \$3,333). The Miner's Ball earned a net income of \$12,539.
 - A mini-split heat pump is being installed in the storage room.
 - Director Flesch is coordinating with a local scout and his family to dig post holes for museum signage as an Eagle Scout project.

Collections Monthly Report

- Director Flesch is researching options for to ensure continued progress in cataloging the collections. The Museums will either need a newer, larger server to host the current software, or will migrate the current catalog to the online version of Past Perfect, which requires an annual payment.

Friends of the Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums Report

- Director Erik Flesch shared an update on the Friends Board, including possible changes to Mine Day.
 - The Miner's Ball date next year will be February 17, 2024.

New Business

- Director Flesch shared an update on the possible purchase of an adjacent property (to eventually offer off-street parking).
- The Board approved of prioritizing two special projects: rehabilitation of a wood burning stove and a Ford truck with mining equipment on motion from Bill, second from Mark.

Adjournment at 5:35 p.m. on motion by Mark Stead, second from Kathy Connett. Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 12, 2023.

Submitted by Garrett Jones, Board Secretary