

Platteville Museum Board
Minutes - April 19, 2023

Call to Order at 4:45 by Eileen

Adults who are present - Eileen Nickels, Brad Brogley, Kathy Connett, Mark Stead, Bill VanDeest, Deb Jenny
Erik Flesch-Museum Director

Approval of minutes from the previous meeting. The agenda reflects the date of April 15 and it should be noted that the meeting took place on April 19, 2023.

Motion to approve - Mark Stead , Second by Deb Jenny.

Motion passed.

Directors Monthly Report

Heritage Day - No Wundoos

Cricket Demonstrator will be back

Saturday - Sigma Tau Gamma - Fraternity - April 22

About 25 college students to work from 9am to 3pm

National Travel and Tourism Week - May 7 to May 13

Tourism Recognition Evening - May 8, 2023 at City Hall Auditorium at 6pm

Bill and Erik - attended the Wisconsin Council for Local History Meeting in LaCrosse.

Collections Monthly Report

Deaccession - Meat cans in a plastic bag

Accession - Hard Hat - Worn by Nancy (Robertson) VanMeyer

Motion: Kathy Connett , 2nd - Bill VanDeest

Motion Passed

Artifact Conservation

Short term list - deal with the taxidermy - Arsenic or other heavy metals that was used when preserving

Terry Brown - Mississippi River Museum - did a free evaluation over the phone.

Boxing Squirrels

1917 Golden Eagle - Clutching an arrow

These two items would warrant conservation.

Terry would provide presentation/workshop on how to handle heavy metal preserved items at the Mining Museum. The two previously mentioned items would be professionally restored at his work location.

Modest cost - \$10,750.00 - Erik found a way to cover this.

Tentatively scheduled to be completed this fall.

WWI Minenwerfer Mortar

Erik Flesch will check with veterans to determine the color scheme to employ.

Player piano, concert piano, concert organ - offside for repairs

Typewriters off for restoration

Ford truck - Spoke with Ron Boldt

Exhibit Development

Erik will be picking up large display cases - Mississippi River Museum - Donation

Local Donor - Mark (Vinny) and Marsha Rako

Friends of the Museum - Report

Deb Jenny - Erik and Deb are meeting soon to review the study for the capital campaign.

Annual Fund - going well.

Old Business - None

New Business - Common Council update from Eileen

Board elects a President at the next meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Mark Stead 2nd: Deb Jenny

Time: 5:45

Next Meeting on **Wednesday, May 17**, as it was incorrectly listed as May 10 on the agenda.