

## **Platteville Museum Board Minutes**

May 17, 2023

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

**Call to order** at 4:46 by Eileen Nickels

**Minutes** of the April 2023 Museum Board meetings approved on motion by Bill Van Deest, seconded by Deb Jenny.

### **Director's Monthly Report**

- Director Flesch provided a museums progress report covering buildings and grounds, planning, programs, education, and operations.
  - The museums are planning for a busy summer of festivals, including Make Music Day, Heritage Day, and Mine Day. The Wundo Band is not available for Heritage Day this year; Director Flesch is looking into other options.
  - Former museums staff Mary Huck and Stephanie Saager-Bourrett are tentatively booked as consultants to facilitate this summer's Young Pioneers camp. They have run this program before and can model the program for new museum staff.
- Director Flesch shared plans to accept a Bell Bridge kinetic sculpture from artist Evan Lewis to display on the museum grounds in August.

### **Collections Monthly Report**

- Director Flesch recommended deaccessioning two items, one due to corrosion and one to prevent contamination to other artifacts. The board accepted this recommendation on a motion from Bill Van Deest, second from Brad Brogley.
- Director Flesch recommended accessioning a 18 archival and 3-D objects, including items donated by Kay Young, Heidi Dyas-McBeth, and Thomas Lawinger, as well as items "found in collection," (FIC). The board accepted this recommendation on a motion from Brad Brogley, second from Bill Van Deest. In the same vote the board did not accept an item which was "donated" but with a request for payment. The board voted not to accept this item at this time due to the lack of a policy or precedent in purchasing artifacts.
- The Friends of the Museum and Bill Van Deest, as well as Martin Busch, provided finances and time to get a player piano back in working order.

### **Friends of the Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums Report**

- Deb Jenny shared an update on the Friends Board.
- Museum Board and the Friends Board members are now selling Pick and Gad raffle tickets. The drawing will be on Mine Day (August 12, 2023).

### **New Business**

- Eileen Nickels will serve on the Museum Board until a new Common Council Representative is selected. With the transition date unknown, the board decided to select a new Board President.
- Brad Brogley was selected as the new Board President on motion from Deb Jenny, seconded by Bill Van Deest.

**Adjournment** at 5:55 p.m. on motion by Eileen Nickels, second from Deb Jenny. Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 21, 2023.

Submitted by Garrett Jones, Board Secretary