



Platteville Museum Board Minutes

August 16, 2023

Board/Friends Members Present: Garrett Jones, Bill Van Deest, Brad Brogley, Deb Jenny, Kathy Connett, Bob Gates, Larry Bowden

Others Present: Museums Director Erik Flesch (Board Liaison)

Call to order at 4:46 by Board President Brad Brogley

Minutes of the June 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.
 - Mine Day was very successful, drawing 438 participants.
 - Director Flesch has applied to have a representative from the Museum Assessment Program return to the Museums in November provide an update and share progress toward fulfillment of the original assessment.

Collections Monthly Report

- Director Flesch recommended accessioning seven objects related to local persons and businesses, including several items from Tiedemann's Store on Main Street, donated by Tom and Kay Young. The board accepted this recommendation on a motion from Bill Van Deest, second from Kathy Connett.
- Director Flesch recommended accessioning a seal skin parka (c. 1932-33; accompanying mukluks not included) donated by Kandi Aule. The board accepted this recommendation on a motion from Bill Van Deest, second from Kathy Connett.
- Director Flesch recommended accessioning six archival objects related to local businesses and events donated by Tom and Kay Young. The board accepted this recommendation on a motion from Kathy Connett, second from Deb Jenny.
- Donors, the Friends group, and a PCF grant provided funding to restore two taxidermy items – the "Boxing Squirrels" and a Golden Eagle.
- Director will make a proposal to the city to elevate the Collections Management part-time position to full time, creating a Curator of Collections and Interpretation.

Friends of the Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums Report

- Deb Jenny shared an update on the Friends Board. The Friends sold concessions at Mine Day and have kicked off the fall pasty sale. The Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, November 9 at 6 p.m.

Old Business

- Bob Gates has joined the Museums Board as the Common Council Representative.

Adjournment at 5:43 p.m. on motion by Bill Van Deest, second from Deb Jenny. Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 20, 2023.

Submitted by Garrett Jones, Board Secretary