

Platteville Museum Board Minutes

November 15, 2023

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

Others Present: Museums Director Erik Flesch (Board Liaison)

Call to order at 4:50 by Board President Brad Brogley

Minutes of the September 2023 Museum Board meetings approved on motion by Kathy Connett, seconded by Larry Bowden.

Director's Monthly Report

- Director Flesch provided a museums progress report covering buildings and grounds, planning, programs, education, and operations.
 - Museum staff member Heidi Dyas-McBeth will be featured on PBS Wisconsin Life on Thursday, November 16 at 7 p.m.
 - o This past Saturday was UW-Platteville Family Day. The Museum was fully booked with reserved tours throughout the day.
 - o The Museum is transitioning into the busy holiday season: decorations are going up, carriage sales are ongoing, and plans for programs such as the model railroad exhibit and Mine Sing are well underway.
 - The pasty sale recently closed and distribution is Saturday, November 18, 10am-1pm. Close to 2,000 pasties were sold.

Collections Monthly Report

• Director Flesch provided an update on collections stewardship, including progress in collections care and cataloging. The taxidermy conservation project (the eagle and "boxing squirrels") is complete.

Friends of the Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums Report

• Deb Jenny shared an update on the Friends Board. The Friends are focused on the annual fund and moving forward with the feasibility study.

Adjournment at 5:25 p.m. on motion by Garrett Jones, second from Kathy Connett. Next meeting will be Wednesday, December 20, 2023.

Submitted by Garrett Jones, Board Secretary