

Platteville Museum Board Minutes

September 15, 2021

Board/Friends Members Present: Brad Brogley, Eileen Nickels, Deb Rice, Deb Jenny, Mark Stead

Others Present: Museums Director Erik Flesch (Board Liaison)

Call to order at 5:01 by Eileen Nickels

Minutes of August 18, 2021 Museum Board meeting approved on motion by Deb Rice, seconded by Deb Jenny.

Director's Monthly Report

- Director Flesch provided an update on current buildings and grounds projects, including recent regrading of soil at the base of the Rock School, approval of submittals by roofing contractor for the Hanmer Robbins Roof CDBG project, and need to rewire Cora Street storage building
- He shared results of a meeting with Drew Nussbaum of Travel Wisconsin to discuss the Site and Facilities Comprehensive Plan with an eye to applying for NEA ARPA Tourism Program funds. A future meeting will be called with Nussbaum, Southwest Regional Planning, and representatives of the City, Grant County and the region to discuss a strategic approach for multiple project applicants.
- Director Flesch shared news of the Miners Ball planning, recapped the successes of Mine Day (including recent Platteville Journal coverage), and progress on the Wisconsin Humanities lithic tool curatorial project.
- Brad Brogley provided additional information on the invitation by Platteville School District for the Museums to submit a proposal to participate in teaching sessions for the June 2022 Summer School session.
- Flesch shared updates on operations, including proposed restructuring of Operations to separate Visitor Services and Education/Event Coordination, and the promotion of the Communications Intern position to Communications Assistant.

Collections Monthly Report

- Director Flesch shared a list of proposed artifacts for accession, which was approved unanimously on motion by Mark Stead and second by Brad Brogley.
- The board expressed congratulations to the collections team for completing the hydration and flattening of the complete map collection under the IMLS Inspire! Grant for Small Museums now that they are ready to move on to the accessioning/cataloging/inventorying of the bound newspapers collection.

Friends of the Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums Report

- Deb Jenny recapped the successful strategic planning session in August and shared an update on the Miners Ball planning.

Old Business

- Director Flesch indicated that in the strategic planning session, leaders used stickers to express preferences for certain programming and partnership ideas, but primarily supported tackling building upgrades included in museum CIP proposals and in implementing the Site and Facilities Comprehensive Plan. He will share further results when tallied.
- The Friends Annual Meeting will be held on November 13th at 4 p.m.

New Business

- A date for a Vision Statement Visioning Session and a NEA strategy session will be set once a mutually convenient date can be identified.
- The group expressed that they will not mind if Dr. Jen Collins attends the next several meetings via Zoom due to a scheduling conflict.

Adjournment at 5:49 p.m. on motion by Mark Stead, second from Deb Rice.

Submitted by Museum Director Erik Flesch, Board Liaison