

Platteville Museum Board Minutes

February 16, 2022

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

Call to order at 4:50 by Eileen Nickels

Minutes of the January 19, 2022 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 frozen mine experience is this weekend and there are many visitors already registered. Online pasty sales have met our original goal; the sale ends at the end of this week.
 - Director Flesch is working with the UW-Platteville sustainability department to explore solar panel installation on the Hoist House and other possible collaborations.
 - Director Flesch shared with the board that he is in early conversations about how the museums may organize and implement a capital campaign.
 - The museum has submitted plans for two elementary courses to be run through the Platteville School District summer school.
 - A new exhibit on Native American lithic tools is being staged and should be completed by the end of the month.

Collections Monthly Report

- Museum staff have been busy digitally cataloging items in the collection in partial fulfillment of the IMLS Inspire! grant.
- The Minenwerfer Mortar has been sand-blasted, which has exposed mechanical issues and cracks. The object has been transferred to Baker Iron Works for repair and improvements before painting.

Friends of the Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums Report

- Deb Jenny shared an update on the pasty fundraising with the board.
- The Chamber Tourism Council has nominated the Museums for the Governor's Tourism Award for Arts, Culture, and Heritage.

Adjournment at 5:35 p.m. on motion by Bill Van Deest, second from Mark Stead. Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 16.

Submitted by Garrett Jones, Board Secretary