

Platteville Museum Board Minutes

October 19, 2022

Board/Friends Members Present: Garrett Jones, Eileen Nickels, Bill Van Deest, Deb Jenny, Mark Stead, Cathy Connett, Brad Brogely

Others Present: Museums Director Erik Flesch (Board Liaison)

Call to order at 4:48 by Eileen Nickels

Minutes of the September 2022 Museum Board meetings approved on motion by Deb Jenny, seconded by Mark Stead.

Director's Monthly Report

- Director Flesch provided a museums progress report covering buildings and grounds, planning, programs, education, and operations.
 - It is a busy time of year for museum programming; museum staff are busy preparing for the haunted mine tours (10/29/22), community-free day (10/31), UW-Platteville Family Day (11/5), horse-drawn carriage rides (December), and the Miner's Ball (2/4/23).
 - The 2022 Challenge Grant has raised \$18,931 (76% of the \$25,000 goal).
 - It is city budget season. The city manager has proposed a budget to the city council; the budget will now be presented to the public before a council vote for approval. The museums have requested capital improvement projects including (1) requisition of an adjacent property for parking, (2) repairs and improvements of the lower level of the Rock School, and (3) funding to support a possible energy audit (potentially also supported by a grant).

Collections Monthly Report

- A recently award IMLS grant will partially fund two collections roles at the Museums, one collections manager and one collections assistant. Director Flesch is in the process of recruiting for these positions.

Friends of the Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums Report

- Deb Jenny shared an update on the Friends Board.
 - The Friends are preparing for the Museums Annual Meeting and Program as well as the Miner's Ball. The Friends are now accepting donations to be auctioned at the Miner's Ball.
 - The pasty sale is ongoing and ends on November 4.

Adjournment at 5:15 p.m. on motion by Mark Stead, second from Brad Brogely. Next meeting will be Wednesday, November 16.

Submitted by Garrett Jones, Board Secretary