



Platteville Museum Board Minutes

October 17, 2024

Board/Friends Members Present: Brad Brogley, Garrett Jones, Larry Bowden, Tom Nall, Kathy Connett

Others Present: Director Cody Grabhorn, Christina Grev

Call to order at 4:05 by Brad Brogley

Minutes of the September 2024 Museum Board meeting approved on motion by Larry Bowden, seconded by Tom Nall.

Director's Monthly Report

- Director Cody Grabhorn provided a museums progress report, including an update on museums attendance and financial status.
 - A job offer has been extended to the top candidate for the Museum Specialist – Administration.
 - A disabled parking spot has been added in front of the museum.
 - The Historic Re-enactment was a success for the 26th year. 2,503 people visited the encampment, and many visitors commented on the benefit of this event.

Friends of the Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums Report

- Brad Brogley shared an update on the Friends Board.
 - Pasty sales have wrapped up, pick up will be held on October 26. The annual banquet will held on November 9. Planning continues for the Miner's Ball.

Collections Monthly Report

- Christina Grev provided an update on collections protection projects. Staff are working to implement any necessary changes based on guidelines from the more recent Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).
- Collections specialist Christina Grev recommended accessioning a Bilhorn "Telescope" portable organ (donated by the First Congregation Church) and a galena specimen with provenance (donated by Brenda Howald). The Board accepted this recommendation on motion by Garrett Jones, seconded by Tom Nall.
- Collections specialist Christina Grev recommended deaccessioning Japanese "Good Luck Flags" which are "found in collection" (no known record of who donated these flags) to allow these flags to be sent to the OBON Society, which works to returns these flags to family members of the Japanese soldiers that originally carried these flags. The Board accepted this recommendation on motion by Garrett Jones, seconded by Tom Nall.

New Business

- Director Grabhorn shared the final draft of the 2025-2029 Strategic Plan. The plan includes a brief background (including who we are, a history of the museum, and an overview of our strategic planning process), our mission and vision, and strategic goals with deadlines. Also provided by Director Grabhorn was a chronological listing of strategic goals. The Board discussed the plan and will vote to adopt the Strategic Plan before 2025.

Adjournment at 4:57 p.m. on motion by Brad Brogely, second from Kathy Connett. Next board meeting will be Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 4:45pm.

Submitted by Garrett Jones, Board Secretary