



Platteville Museum Board Minutes

November 20, 2024

Board/Friends Members Present: Garrett Jones, Deb Jenny, Tom Nall, Kathy Connett

Others Present: Director Cody Grabhorn, Christina Grev

Call to order at 4:45 by Deb Jenny

Minutes of the October 2024 Museum Board meeting approved on motion by Kathy Connett, seconded by Tom Nall.

Collections Monthly Report

Christina Grev provided an update on collections protection projects.

- The Museum hosted Dr. Tesdahl's UW-P Public History class and gave a presentation on collections management/policies, including a "behind-the-scenes" tour of the collection storage.
- Staff created three new displays for Wisconsin Science Fest and Haunted Mine Tours.
- Collections specialist Christina Grev recommended accessioning a green vase and a small green glass pitcher, both souvenirs from the Platteville Fair in 1909 (donated by Kathy Lacke), and a violin and case (c. 1910) (donated by Donna Dailey). The Board accepted this recommendation on motion by Kathy Connett, 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.

- It was a busy month of programs, including Wisconsin Science Festival, Sweet Treats, Haunted Mine Tours, Community free day for our last day of tour season, and the Friends' Annual Meeting.
- Facilities Tech Emma Larsen replaced the aging deck that was becoming unsafe behind the Rock School building.

Friends of the Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums Report

Deb Jenny shared an update on the Friends Board.

- The Annual Meeting was held on November 9. Planning is in process for the Miner's Ball.
- Director Grabhorn and Friends of the Museum had a successful Pasty pick up day on October 26 where 1250 pastys were distributed.
- The annual appeal for fundraising has been drafted and has been sent out for printing.

Old 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. The Board discussed the plan and will vote to adopt the Strategic Plan before 2025.
- Director Grabhorn will provide regular reports to track of progress toward the goals in the strategic plan.

Adjournment at 5:17 p.m. on motion by Tom Nall, second from Kathy Connett. The next board meeting will be Wednesday, December 18, 2024, 4:45pm.

Submitted by Garrett Jones, Board Secretary