

Present: Simone Dorcas, Jill Hennessey, Christine Kornely, Eric Sitkiewitz, Jane Spindler, Dolly Stokes, Tom Van Horn, Greg Vadney

Absent: Amy Fricke-Weigel, Lori Kirby, Jim Konitzer, Tricia Zimmermann

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 by Dorcas

A motion was made by Stokes seconded by Kornely and unanimously approved by the board to accept the January Minutes as written.

Presidents Report - Amy Fricke-Weigel

Simone Dorcas presided over the meeting in Amy's absence

1. Financial Review
 - Current budget figures were reviewed by the board
 - A motion was made by Sitkiewitz, seconded by Spindler and unanimously approved by the board to accept the financial report.
2. Membership/Special Events Committee
 - The membership committee met in January and will be working on streamlining the membership levels. New membership program will go into effect in 2013
 - Currently working on a pricing structure for Special Events
3. Sputnikfest Committee
 - The board was given an overview of the 2012 Festival
4. Funds Transfer
 - The West Foundation is currently managing monies that are designated for the Rahr-West. The West Foundation now wishes to transfer control of this money to the RWAM Charitable Foundation.
 - A discussion followed regarding the possibility of applying these funds to the Community Foundation. Vadney will discuss this with the Foundation Board.

Directors Report - Greg Vadney

1. Part -Time Curator Position
 - A copy of the job description was distributed to the board members
 - The position has been posted on the Manitowoc Website and in the newspaper
 - Vadney is posting it on regional and national museum sites.
 - Posting will be up through March 2, 2012
 - The same committee used for the Director Search in 2011 will review the applicants along with Deb Geiger from the City H.R. Dept.
2. Meeting with the West Foundation
 - The West Foundation has currently tabled the museum's request for financial assistance with the renovation project. They have asked that Vadney attend their February Board meeting on the 22nd and address their concerns regarding the current budget situation and how it affect's the museum's AAM Accreditation.
3. Exhibits and Events
 - The dates for the Youth Art Series, which includes the Manitowoc Public Schools, St. Francis of Assisi and the Olympian Conference, have been adjusted slightly to better accommodate the school schedules.
 - The Manitou Girl Scouts will be celebrating their 100th anniversary with an exhibition at the museum from April 22nd through June 15th.
 - The New Island Project will open May 6, 2012 with the Artist presenting a gallery talk in June.
 - The Women in the Arts Exhibit will open June 17th
 - July 1st we will hold an event to welcome back the Georgia O'Keeffe, which is now on tour in Dallas, TX.

4. Marketing

- Steven Manis, a local photographer, donated his services and photographed different areas of the museum facility. These images will be used by Fricke Printing Services to create brochures, posters and advertising templates.
- Would like to get the museum on the "At this Moment in Manitowoc" Billboard on I43.
 - Vadney is in contact with Laura Marks on this.
- Hennessey suggested involvement with the "Chopper" program as a way for the museum to become more visible.

5. Vision Statement

- An ad hoc committee consisting of Hennessey, Dorcas, Stokes and Vadney was formed to work on developing a Vision Statement for the museum.

Friends Advisory Committee - Tricia Zimmerman

In Tricia's absence Spindler gave a short update of things discussed at the February meeting.

- The Advisor Committee met on the 8th and worked on organizing chairs and committees for upcoming events at the Museum.
- Plans are continuing for a Mother/Daughter Tea to take place at the museum on June 23, 2012.

Collection Report - Greg Vadney

- The Kohler Foundation would like to donate a number of Schomer Lichtner prints and drawings. These items would not be accessioned, but would be used for class instruction.
- A motion was made by Stokes, seconded by Spindler and unanimously approved by the board to accept the prints and drawings for educational purposes only, not as accessions to the permanent collection.

Old Business

None

A motion was made by Kornely, seconded by Hennessey and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 12:50.

The next board meeting will be March 21, 2012 at 12:00 noon

Respectfully submitted

Elaine Schroeder