

Present: Simone Dorcas, Amy Fricke-Weigel, Jill Hennessey, Lori Kirby, Jim Konitzer, Christine Kornely, Eric Sitkiewitz, Jane Spindler, Dolly Stokes, Tom Van Horn, Greg Vadney

Absent: Tricia Zimmermann

Meeting was called to order at 12:05 by Fricke-Weigel

A motion was made by Dorcas seconded by Sitkiewitz and unanimously approved by the board to accept the February Minutes as written.

Presidents Report – Amy Fricke-Weigel

Financial Review

- Current budget figures were reviewed by the board

Membership/Special Events Committee

- Will condense membership tiers to five levels
- Would like to bring back more events and tours as a benefit for membership
- Will reach out to past members
- There was some discussion regarding a reciprocal membership structure with other local cultural facilities in Manitowoc. Stokes will bring this up for discussion at the next WI Maritime Museum Board Meeting to get their feelings on this suggestion.

Sputnikfest Committee

- Sponsorship Letters have been sent out
- A motion was made by Kornely, seconded by Konitzer and unanimously approved by the board to approve a \$6000 budget for the event.
- A motion was made by Sitkiewitz, seconded by Konitzer and unanimously approved by the board to charge all vendors \$150 for booth space.
- Contact was made with Brandt Busing for a possible shuttle service between Sputnikfest & Lobsterfest.

Building Campaign

- A discussion followed regarding funding and fundraising for this project.
- The projected groundbreaking would be Spring of 2014

Directors Goals/Objectives

- Board members were emailed a copy of the Director's Goals/Objectives for review prior to the meeting.
- After some discussion a motion was made by Hennessey, seconded by Kirby and unanimously approved by the board to accept the Directors Goals/Objectives as written.

New Board Members

- Jeanne Miller has submitted paperwork to the Mayor for approval as a RWAM governing Board Member
- Jason Ring of the Manitowoc Visitors Center has expressed an interest in becoming a member. Vadney will get him the necessary paperwork.
- There was some discussion as to whether Sitkiewitz's can remain on the board if he is elected to the Common Council in the April election. He will check into this and see if there is an issue.

Directors Report – Greg Vadney

Part -Time Curator Position

- 26 applications were submitted for the position. Vadney will narrow that down to 3
- Interviews will begin the week of March 26th

Exhibits and Events

- Exhibits beginning in April
 - St. Francis of Assisi School 1st to 22nd
 - Girl Scouts 100 Anniversary 22nd to June 17th
 - Lee Mothes New Island Project – 28th to July 8th
 - Olympian Conference Art 29th to May 20th
- Upcoming Events
 - Lee Mothes Artist Talk – Weekend of May 19th & 20th
 - Girl Scout Art Program - May 12th and 19th
 - Public Installation and Welcome back for the Georgia O’Keeffe - July 1st
 - Mother Daughter Tea - date changed to July 17th
 - Holy Family Doctor’s Day and New Provider Reception - March 29th

Art Splash

The museum is now a part of this group, and will be assisting Mainly Manitowoc with planning. This Downtown Art Project involves displaying artwork in storefronts, and this year they will be adding a permanent mural project. Vadney would like it to be Sputnik related since this is the 50 year anniversary of the event. The group is applying for an Arts Board Grant and Vadney will be talking with the Friends about a possible donation.

Vision Statement

Still looking for input

Friends Advisory Committee – Tricia Zimmerman

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

- Working on organizing chairs and committees for upcoming events at the museum.
- Working on finalizing the policy manual
- A motion was made by Dorcas, seconded by Spindler and unanimously approved by the board to approve a \$150 budget for the New Island Project Exhibit Opening Reception.
- Volunteer hours
 - Youth Art Month Tours - 470 second graders & 102 Kindergarteners
 - Front Desk Museum Aide – 192 hours since January
 - Discussion followed regarding success of the volunteer program at the front desk and it was suggested Vadney give a museum update at a future council meeting and/or do a guest commentary in the HTR to recognize the efforts of the volunteers to fill the void caused by the budget cuts.
 - Idea brought up to organize a specific bus tour as a thank you to docents and volunteers

Collection Report – Greg Vadney

Vadney is looking into having an appraisal done of the collection by an independent appraiser.

Old Business

There was discussion regarding the return of an Appraisal Day event at the museum.

A motion was made by Kornely, seconded by Sitkiewitz and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 1:30

The next board meeting will be April 18, 2012 at 12:00 noon

Respectfully submitted

Elaine Schroeder