

Present: Meg Bollinger, Simone Dorcas, Amy Jagemann, Lori Kirby, Eva Kold, Jeanie Miller, Jason Ring, Greg Vadney, Tom Van Horn, Amy Fricke-Weigel, Tricia Zimmermann

Absent: Mike Halla, Jill Hennessey, Christine Kornely, Dolly Stokes,

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 by Board President Weigel

Public Input No public input

Minutes A motion was made by Ring, seconded by Zimmerman and unanimously approved by the board to accept the February Minutes as written.

Financial Review Current budget figures were reviewed by the board

Presidents Report – Amy Weigel

Education Committee – Jeanne Miller

Stacia Dick-Schuster, Art Therapist, has resigned her position with the museum, effective March 21st. The Marco Manor program will be discontinued, but our other two instructors will continue staffing the Creative Expressions and Spark Program.

When Vadney asked the YMCA why they had decided not to include the Rahr in their Summer Program he was informed it was due to the expense of busing the students to the museum from the YMCA

Marketing Committee – Amy Weigel

The committee has decided not to go with a Lamar billboard on I43, but will be looking into the smaller blue informational signage.

Will be checking into working with an internship program through Silver Lake College to develop a focus group to find out how people in the community view the museum.

Building Committee

No report

New Board Members

Three individuals were presented as potential new board members to fill the two vacancies in June. Resumes and bios will be emailed to board members, and a ballot will be drawn up for a vote at our April Meeting. Vadney will get an info packet together for additional potential new board members.

Sputnikfest

Sponsorships currently total \$3000, with \$1500 still pending.

Ms. Space Debris was in the St. Patrick's Day parade and contest flyers were handed out to the crowd.

Closed Session

Due to the fact that four board members were absent for this month's meeting, the closed session to discuss the Director's evaluation has been postponed until the April Meeting. Weigel stressed that ideally all board members should be present for the closed session and should make every effort to be in attendance for the April Board Meeting.

Directors Report – Greg Vadney

JEM Grant

The museum has been awarded \$20,440 JEM Grant for the Marketing of the Colorama Exhibit outside of the area.

Security System

Specs have been created and the system has gone out for bids
The new system will be infra- red

Exhibits

Reviewed upcoming exhibits

Governor's Conference on Tourism

Vadney attended the conference in Lake Geneva with the Director of the Manitowoc Visitor & Convention Bureau. Gave the board an overview of the various topics discussed and how they could be used at the Rahr

Guest Speaker Series

Would like to implement an Honorarium policy for guest Speakers.
\$350 for lecture / \$750 Travel Expenses / \$1250 Maximum
Monies would be taken from the Membership Fund
A motion was made by Zimmerman, seconded by Amy Jageman and unanimously approved by the board to allocate \$5000 from the Membership Fund to be used to fund a Speaker Series

Friends Advisory Committee – Tricia Zimmerman

A luncheon "Lunch with Renoir" will be held on Thursday, April 24th.
Proceeds to support Guest Speaker Series

Foundation – Mike Halla

Reviewed Financials
2014 Annual Giving is up from 2014

Collections

Acquisitions

A vase, doll and assemblage piece have been offered to the museum by Nan Webster. The board requested that Vadney provide additional information on the pieces before they are considered for accession.

A motion was made by Van Horn, seconded by Ring to accept a painting "Motorized Gun Section" by Ray Langer.

Conservator

Conservator Doug Stone of Bresler Eitel, was hired to examine some pieces of the collection that were in need of some repair. He will be submitting a condition report on his findings. Overall, he felt we were doing a good job of caring for the collection.

Old Business

There was some discussion on having the Collection Appraisal brought up to date. Nothing has been scheduled, but Vadney will look into the cost.

A motion was made by Zimmerman, seconded by Van Horn and unanimously approved to adjourn at 1:00

The next Board of Director's meeting will be Wednesday, April 16th at 12:00 noon

Respectfully submitted
Elaine Schroeder