

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Date: 1/20/2022

Time: 6:00 PM

I. Call to Order

President Corbett called the meeting (via Zoom) to order at 6:07 p.m.

Members Present:

Tom Anderson, Mike Corbett, Joyce Cregier, Steve Gibson, Ed Klosowski, Pat Pretz, and Darlene Riebe. Absent: Kathy Brens, Brian Henry, Vanessa Bell-LaSota, Bob Matson.

Others Present: City Liaison, David Pietryla and Lindsay Judd, Executive Director. Also Present: Louis Dries, Sue McDowell, Jerry Johnson, Diane Conn, John Glenn, and Bryan Wirball.

II. President's Report:

Bookkeeping is being moved in-house.

Despite Covid, this year the museum had several successes.

New slate of board officers: Steve Gibson, President; Mike Corbett, Vice President and Outgoing President; Tom Anderson, Treasurer; and Pat Pretz, Secretary. Other board members include Ed Klosowski, Joyce Creigier, Brian Henry, Darlene Riebe and Vanessa Bell-LaSota. David Pietryla is our City Liaison and Bob Matson, and Kathy Brens are Emeritus Members.

Steve Gibson thanked Mike Corbett for his outstanding service as president and as his personal mentor.

III. Director's Executive Presentation

Mission and Values

The St. Charles History Museum mission is to inspire a curiosity of the past for out-of-town visitors and long-time residents. We can see the impact on the present through learning about the past. The museum preserves, protects, and presents our local heritage.

We are focusing on upkeep and maintenance of the collection. Values of the museum are heritage, community, stewardship, education, and research

Accomplishments of 2021

- Grants from St. Charles Kiwanis and Community Foundation of Fox River Valley
- Hired an administrative assistant and part-time collections person
- Launched VIP member events
- Exhibit of St. Charles schools, “Spirit of Excellence”
- Pickle program for children
- History/Mystery tour
- Provided holiday hot spot,
- Holiday gala event which raised \$27,000 in revenue
- Partnered with Pollyanna Brewing for trivia contests and bike rides
- Scarecrow stroll and holiday shopping with extended hours

Sneak Peak of 2022

- New exhibit in February “Show and Tell” about how artifacts are catalogued and displayed
- Leslie Goddard will speak on May 14th portraying Clara Barton
- Walking tours will be available this summer
- Grave Reminders expanded with day and evening tours

Partnerships

- City of St. Charles
- St. Charles Park District
- St. Charles Public Library
- Preservation Partners of Fox Valley
- Steel Beam Theatre
- St. Charles Business Alliance
- Rising Lights Project

Volunteers

- Board and committee members were tremendous help during pandemic
- Volunteer numbers were down in 2020 but now growing rapidly
- More training session for volunteers will be held this year

Summary

With two full-time and one part-time staff more will be accomplished this year. Although our fiscal-year performance did not meet budget projections, due to Covid and the cancelation of programs, the addition of an office administrative position, grants, and a very successful gala fundraiser helped offset very challenging circumstances.

We did end the year with a \$34,000 surplus because of forgiven PPP loans, and an investment, growth position. Money that was withdrawn from our investment account was also repaid by year end. Our operating budget for 2022 totals \$140,000.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Pretz

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Board Secretary