

Present: Meg Bollinger, Amy Fricke-Weigel, Mike Halla, Jill Hennessey, Amy Jagemann, Lori Kirby, Jim Konitzer, Jeanie Miller, Jason Ring, Dolly Stokes, Greg Vadney

Absent: Simone Dorcas, Christine Kornely, Tom Van Horn, Tricia Zimmermann

Meeting was called to order at 12:10 by President Weigel

Public Input

No public input

Minutes

A motion was made by Miller seconded by Jagemann and unanimously approved by the board to accept the October Minutes as written.

Financial Review

Current budget figures were reviewed by the board

Presidents Report - Amy Fricke-Weigel

Membership Update

A membership mailing will go out the week after Thanksgiving

Christmas in the Mansion

The idea of holding the Christmas In The Mansion Members Only Reception IN the mansion itself was presented to the Board. After some discussion it was the consensus of the Board that this would be a good idea.

Executive Director's Evaluation

Evaluation forms are due back to Fricke-Weigel by November 30th. The December Board meeting will go into closed session at the end of the meeting to discuss the evaluation.

Strategic Planning

Vadney and Fricke-Weigel met with Kristen Able and reviewed the past Strategic Plan and where we wanted to go from there. A Strategic Planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 12 from 2-6 pm. Included in this meeting will be the RWAM Board of Directors & RWAM Charitable Foundation Board. Location to be determined.

Committees

Marketing/Membership Committee will meet monthly

Education Committee will meet monthly

Building Committee will meet as needed

Directors Report - Greg Vadney

Vadney attended the following Conferences in the month of November:

WI Department of Tourism Conference on November 9th

WI Federation of Museums Annual Conference on November 12th

Events

Chairs for Charity

160 in attendance, 90 chairs were auctioned off.

Projected proceeds of about \$3000

Lakeshore Wind Ensemble has donated their 25% of the proceeds to the RWAM

Sponsors for the event were: Kathy's Stage Door Pub, Courthouse Pub, Fricke Printing, Festival Foods, Nelson Sign and Graphic & Salutz Law Firm

Committee members were: Heather Nelson, Barb Bundy Jost, Kathleen Galas, Paula Radl and Barb Ferguson.

Mansion Video

Vadney has made contact with Source Media to continue the project of creating a video tour of the mansion, at a cost of \$6200.

Friends Advisory Committee - Tricia Zimmerman

The Friends would like the museum to apply for a Sam's Card and a Costco Card to be used to purchase reception supplies. After some discussion it was decided by the board that both cards would be applied for and then reviewed in one year to see if both cards were necessary.

Foundation Report - Mike Halla

Met on October 23rd and accepted the \$365,000 in funds the West Foundation had been managing for the museum. The Foundation's bi-laws were revised to reflect the specific purpose of the funds.

The Foundation will conduct an Annual Campaign after the Thanksgiving Holidays.

Collection Report - Greg Vadney

Vadney will be meeting with Midwest Storage Solutions after this meeting to go over the plans for a storage unit to be built in the John West Gallery space. This is needed to accommodate oversized pieces of the collection that cannot be moved to the current storage area on the lower level. The unit will take up 20' x 10' of floor space, but wall space will not be compromised. Midwest Storage Solutions will work with local contractors on this project. The RWAM Charitable Foundation has designated up to \$20,000 for this project.

Vadney and Jim Muenzenmeyer will be meeting with a lighting rep to discuss updating the lighting in the galleries. Current lighting dates back to 1975.

The board was shown the Rahr Tile which was approved for accession to the collection at a previous board meeting.

A motion was made by Hennessey, seconded by Ring and unanimously approved by the board to adjourn at 1:00 pm

The next Board of Director's meeting will be Wednesday, December 19th at 12:00 noon

Respectfully submitted
Elaine Schroeder