

Present: Simone Dorcas, Amy Fricke-Weigel, Tim Gadzinski, Jill Hennessey, Jennifer Hogan, Dan Juchniewich, Jim Konitzer, Charles Ratigan, Eric Sitkiewitz, Jane Spindler, Tom Van Horn,

Absent: Dolly Stokes

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 by Fricke-Weigel

Motion was made by Sitkiewitz and seconded by Konitzer to accept the October meeting minutes.

Presidents Report – Amy Fricke-Weigel

Director Search- Mayor Nickels has given the go ahead to begin the search. The executive committee continues to work on a job description for the director's position, to present to the board at the January, 2011 meeting. Projected date to have the position filled is June of 2011. Education Position will be put on hold.

Membership- membership listings were distributed to the board. A committee consisting of Fricke-Weigel, Gadzinski, Hogan & Konitzer will meet via email.

Museum Hours-The attendance sheet for 2010 was distributed to the board for their review. They will present suggestions for possible changes at the December meeting.

Education Classes- UW Manitowoc & Silver Lake College have both expressed an interest in collaborating with the Rahr-West on Summer Classes and Fricke-Weigel spoke with Louise at John Michael Kohler on their Education Program. A committee consisting of Gadzinski, Hennessey, Konitzer, Sitkiewitz & Spindler will meet in January to draw up a curriculum for summer classes, and present it to the board in March, with a launch date of April 2011. They will meet with current instructors for input on the current programming at the Rahr.

New Board Members- The names of Chris Kornely, Lori Kirby and Trisha Zimmerman were given to the city to be voted on by the common council as new board members. If approved, they will attend the December meeting. Other individuals were also mentioned for future vacancies.

Christmas In The Mansion - 431 Invites for members and 499 invites for employees of the city will be distributed the week of November 15th. Invitations will also be sent to those individuals/companies that made substantial donations to the Rahr in 2010. The event is scheduled for December 15, 2010 from 5-8 p.m.

Website- The Rahr will be working with Civic Plus Web Company on forming a new website for the Rahr. This is the same company that has done the city website. They are designing a website for the park and rec department and the aquatic center. Board member Eric Sitkiewitz has offered to help in the process. The goal is to have the website running by spring. Our Facebook site is also in need of updating. Schroeder will get the password information from the former Director.

Buildings & Grounds – Jim Muenzenmeyer

The RFP for the addition to the museum has been revised to include an elevator to all levels of the mansion and a new entrance and gift shop, but allow for possible future additions.. Muenzenmeyer reviewed the RFP and the process with the board. A copy will be provided to each board member for their review. Hogan & Konitzer will assist Muenzenmeyer with the interviewing process.

Timetable: Submissions: January 20, 2011

Interviews: February 3, 2011

Collections – Dan Juchniewich

“Waiting for the Bus” Sculpture by William Faller has been installed on the Rahr-West Lawn. There will be a news release and Faller will be recognized at the Christmas In The Mansion Reception.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, December 15th at noon.

Respectfully submitted

Elaine Schroeder