

MINUTES
MUSEUM OF THE GREAT PLAINS AUTHORITY
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, July 17, 2019
5:30 P.M.

Jill Ryans, Chairperson, called the **Regular Scheduled Meeting** of the Museum of the Great Plains Authority (MGPA) to order at 5:30 p.m., July 17, 2019, in the Museum of the Great Plains Louise D. McMahon Hall. Notice of the meeting and the Agenda were posted at City Hall and the entrance to the Museum of the Great Plains, as required by Law.

1. Roll Call. {Chair-Ryans, V/Chair-Zelbst, Treas-Cross, Sec-Wyatt, Gov-Page, IP/Chair-Bell}

PRESENT: Jill Ryans, Minnette Page, Janice Bell (5:45p), Blaine Adair, Paul Fisher, Joanne Gaasbeck, Mary Ann Hankins, Carolyn Anne Love, Diane Mullins, Juanita Pahdopony, and Marcus Wilcoxson. **ABSENT:** Clay Zelbst, Jesse Cross, Brady Wyatt, and Tresea Moses. **ALSO PRESENT:** John Hernandez, Bart McClenny, Mary Owensby, Debbie Baroff, and Jim Whiteley (all MGPA Staff); and Joshua Coody (Arvest Wealth Management).

2. Quarterly Investment Update.

Joshua Coody (Arvest) distributed the most recent investment review packet. He explained since the conversion from Wells Fargo to Pershing, the portfolio managers no longer have access to the accounts; therefore, Joshua has been self-managing the museum investments. It is now time to move forward and he asked the board to vote. **MOTION** by Bell to allow Joshua/Arvest to select a professional portfolio management firm. **SECONDED** by Mullins. **ROLL CALL ON MOTION: AYE:** Ryans, Page, Bell, Adair, Fisher, Gaasbeck, Hankins, Love, Mullins, Pahdopony, and Wilcoxson. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION CARRIED (11-0).**

3. New Business – Discuss and take appropriate action

a. **June 2019 Minutes – Not available (Fisher)**

b. **Educator Vacancy**

McClenny reported after MGP Educator Jana Brown resigned, a strong candidate was hired to fill the position. After working a couple of days, he decided that he was not suited for the job, specifically dealing with the children, so he too resigned. Staff is in the process of going back through the resumes and scheduling interviews.

c. **Upcoming SMM evaluation**

McClenny reported that Dan Dahm with Science Museum Minnesota (SMM) will visit the museum on July 29th. SMM fabricated the exhibits in the gallery so Dan will examine them for wear and tear and report back with solutions and suggestions for proper and ongoing upkeep of the exhibits. Hernandez added although the majority of the exhibits have been handled by thousands of visitors over the past few years, most are holding up well.

4. Old Business-Discuss and Take Appropriate Action.

a. September 2018 Minutes.

Fisher reported the Minutes are not available. **MOTION** by Page to declare the September 2018 Minutes lost and be removed from future agendas. **SECONDED** by Bell. **ROLL CALL ON MOTION: AYE:** Ryans, Page, Bell, Adair, Fisher, Gaasbeck, Hankins, Love, Mullins, Pahdopony, and Wilcoxson. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION CARRIED (11-0).**

b. Summer Program report

The summer program was very successful and attendees/parents are looking forward to next year. Due to a scheduling glitch, the program lasted five days instead of four, with each day having a different artist and subject. Janice Bell, Diane Mullins and Jill Ryans assisted each class, each day. This year the 'camp' was held in the schoolhouse which proved to be very hot although two a/c units were donated by Lowe's and Mullins brought in box fans. The units couldn't keep up with the triple digit temperature outside. A reception will be held Sunday so the students can bring their parents, look at their displayed pieces, and take art work home.

c. FY2020 board-related documents

McClenny distributed the packets which consisted of a Board list showing the appointing entity (City, McMahon, Institute, or At-Large), a committee list, a set of documents for each board member to read and sign, and the Board Governance manual. The new Bylaws went into effect July 1st, so these documents are now required for the museum's permanent records. McClenny stated the committees have not met yet, but hopefully after August those will get on track and start meeting as scheduled.

5. Executive Director's Report

Hernandez reported he attended an AMBUCS planning committee meeting this afternoon. The local chapters have each donated to purchase the composite decking materials and volunteers will demolish and rebuild the handicap ramp

and deck to the schoolhouse beginning August 8th. The installation will take place Saturday, August 10th.

Hernandez stated a researcher from the University of North Carolina has been at the museum for several days working with Deborah Baroff, Special Collections. Also, next week a researcher from Duke University will be here. Baroff said they traveled here to research for their dissertation. Bell commented things like this are a great media opportunity for the museum.

6. Institute President's Report

Fisher reported the IGP board did not meet; however, the new shelving system is installed and complete. The next meeting will be next month.

7. Comments and/or Audience Participation

Page reported that the Holy City is now on the National Register of Historic Places.

Hernandez and McClenny thanked Bell, Mullins and Ryan for their great work on the summer program.... the museum could not have done it without them!

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is August 21st.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Owensby, Exec Asst
For **Brady Wyatt, Secretary**
Museum of the Great Plains Authority (MGPA) Board of Trustees