



**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM  
MUSEUM BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
556 W MAPLE  
THURSDAY, April 3, 2014  
Held at the Museum  
556 W Maple**

Members Present: Russ Dixon, Marty Logue, Gretchen Maricak, George Stern, Shawn O'Rourke

Members Absent: Jeff Wilmot

Administration: Museum Director Pielack,

Guests: Student Representative Olivia Nielsen

Mr. Dixon called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

**Approval of the Minutes  
Minutes of January 9, 2014**

**MOTION:** by Logue, seconded by Maricak:  
To approve the minutes of January 9, 2014.

**VOTE:** Yeas, 4  
Nays, none  
Abstained, 1  
Absent, 1 (Wilmot)

**New Business**

- A. The music exhibition is generating a lot of excitement and new audiences. As new material comes in, it will be incorporated into the exhibition. The museum is working with CREEM photographer Charlie Auringer to create a photographic and magazine collection here at the museum.
- B. The contract for the consultant for the board development workshop has been delayed due to insurance documents needed, but it is expected that everything will be in by the agenda deadline for the next commission meeting, April 28, 2014.
- C. The Museum Board meeting schedule of the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 will change to 6:30 in September to accommodate Ms. Maricak's schedule.

- D. Director Pielack underscored the importance of the Hill School Bell fundraiser for 2014 and suggested the Museum Board should follow up with the school board to partner with them. George Stern offered to discuss with the superintendent at an upcoming lunch. Time is of the essence because of the fast approaching end of school year.

### **Unfinished Business**

- A. New Museum Board member Shawn O'Rourke was welcomed to the board. His term ends in July, as he is filling an existing vacancy. He will be informed by the Clerks office when his renewal is due, and then he will have a regular term. Jeff Wilmot is still recovering.

Olivia Nielsen, the new student representative, introduced herself.

- B. Committee reports
  - i. Board Development Committee-none (awaiting workshop).
  - ii. Collections Committee-collections policy has not yet been reviewed and modified for transmittal to the city attorney.
- C. Director Report: The director's report was given in the form of a tour of the music exhibition.

### **Miscellaneous Business and Communication**

Museum Board member George Stern asked for copies of the budget to be distributed. Director Pielack explained that the budget presented to the Museum Board in January was her proposed budget, which was essentially unchanged from the previous year except for staffing increases. This was presented in the January Museum Board meeting, from which Mr. Stern was absent. The proposed budget is not representative of the manager's recommended budget. There was a shortfall between departmental requests and available funds, so the museum staffing increases were not included in the manager's recommendations.

Museum Board member Marty Logue discussed the progress on the Festive Tables event and answered questions about it. She encouraged Museum Board members to attend, or to encourage their friends and neighbors to do so. It is a nice luncheon with a relaxing atmosphere, a speaker, and a chance to bid on select silent auction items, and it is an important fundraiser for the museum.

Mr. Stern reported on the progress being made by the cemetery advisory committee. They should have recommendations later this spring about how to address the various concerns of care, funding, and availability of plots.

### **Matters Not on the Agenda**

None.

Mr. Dixon adjourned the meeting at 6:59 PM.

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