

**Museum Alliance of Rapid City
Board Meeting Minutes
December 21, 2023**

Present: Micah Lande, Eileen Fleishacker, Travis Dewes, Carrie Gerlach, Mark Slocum, Barry Gravatt, Bill Evans
Zoom: Kelly Kirk **Ex-Officio:** Conor McMahon, Tammy Misselt **Excused:** Stacie Granum, Brandis Knudsen

The meeting was called to order by Micah Lande at 4 PM. Minutes of the November meeting were approved with Carrie making the motion and Travis seconding.

Committees:

EXCO/Finance – We are still seeing the same trends, so nothing much has changed. Conor is working on the 2024 Budget and will have more at the January meeting. He and Bruce (accountant) want to look at the way we have our banking set up to see if there are changes we could make that would benefit the JMLC. He said the IT conversion to Office 360 should be complete by December 26. That will help as far as being able to share and review the financial picture. The November and YTD financials were approved with motion by Mark and 2nd by Carrie.

Special Event (Ad Hoc)—Mark received many positive remarks about the Classic Holiday Party on December 14. The decorations, food, and entertainment were outstanding. Bill suggested that next year we check the community calendar to make sure there weren't a lot of other community events the same evening. Involving past board members in the planning was helpful.

Governance – Micah reported that Ritchie Nordstrom had been appointed to fill one of the spots reserved for mayoral appointment and that he (Micah) had been reappointed by the mayor. Several names have circulated to fill the Journey appointed board members. Micah is working on a grid which will match our needs to the skill sets of the candidates.

Old Business:

Conor met with the CIP Committee regarding funding for the HVAC System. We had previously asked for \$200,000 for the year 2025, however it has become necessary to replace the chillers, if not the whole system, as soon as possible before next summer. Since the original proposal was written, prices have soared. Total cost of the chillers is now \$350,000 and the controls are another \$100,000. Conor received 2 other bids in addition to the current contractor, and both were lower than the current company. The CIP unanimously voted to move investigation of the project forward. The RC Fire Department has offered to "switch" timelines with the JMLC, as the project they have on the books will not be ready to start until 2026.

Conor inspected the roof with someone from the city's engineering department. It looks good, but could use some sealant in the next couple of years. The leaks that were experienced were all due to caulking issues.

New Business:

Tammy reported the motor on the elevator died. She has one bid of \$17,000 and is waiting for other bids.

Conor is contacting members and Friends with a summary of the year's accomplishments and a request for donations. He is looking for ways and groups to expand the rental potential of the theater.

Barry made a motion to add Conor McMahon to all banking accounts, specifically checking and credit cards. Bill seconded it. Motion passed 8-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eileen Dixon Fleishacker, Secretary