

**MEETEETSE MUSEUM DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD
February 9, 2016**

President Jim Allen called the meeting of the Meeteetse Museum District to order at 7:00 P.M. on February 9, 2016 at the Belden Museum.

Roll call: Board members present were: Larry Todd, Lynn Sessions, Jim Allen, Mervin Larsen, and Mary Jane Luther. Museum Director David Cunningham and Collections Manager Rachel DeShong were present. Lili Turnell was absent.

Consent Agenda: Larry Todd moved to approve the consent agenda. Mervin Larsen seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Citizens Open Forum: None present.

Additions to the agenda:

New Business: Youth worker program

Good of the Board: David Cunningham absence

Lynn Sessions moved to accept the addition to the agenda. Larry Todd seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

New Business:

AAM (American Association of Museums): Larry Todd moved to approve expenses up to \$2500 for Rachel DeShong to attend the conference in Washington D. C. May 25-29. Lynn Sessions seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Lighting – rope light estimate: Older lighting in display cases is causing items to deteriorate. David presented a bid from AC Electric to replace older lighting in cases and other areas. Mervin Larsen moved to accept the proposal for AC Electric. Larry Todd seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

CWAM (Colorado Wyoming Association of Museums): Mary Jane Luther moved to approve expenses up to \$1200 for David Cunningham and Rachel DeShong to attend the conference in Casper, April 27 through May 1. Rachel will be chairing a panel discussion. Mervin Larsen seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Youth Worker Program: Lynn Sessions moved to approve \$275 Business Contract for the Museum to participate in the program. Larry Todd seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Budget cut priorities: Jim Allen reported the State is predicting a 35% budget drop. Work on the new budget will start soon. Priorities will be to cover wages and utilities.

Ongoing Business:

Mission Statement: Larry Todd moved to approve the current version of the mission statement: *“The Meeteetse Museums promote discovery and learning by collecting, preserving, and interpreting Meeteetse’s natural, cultural, and artistic heritage for the benefit of its local, regional, national, and international audiences.”* Mary Jane Luther seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Water heater/220: The board discussed the size of the new water heater in the utility room. After viewing and discussing the issue, cost of a larger model was deemed not warranted.

Staff trip: David Cunningham reported back on the staff trip. They visited two locations. The first stop was at the Dinosaur Museum in Thermopolis, including the back scenes and collections. There may be an opportunity for a tour to a dig site this summer. Second stop was at the Washakie Museum in Worland. The tour included the back scenes and collections. Joan Dunrud checked out the bookstores.

Committee Reports:

Disaster Committee: The committee met and divided the task into sections. Committee members will be working on these and will report back at a later date.

For the Good of the Board: David Cunningham will be out of town March 7-9. The board decided to move the regular meeting from March 8 to Monday, March 14, at 7:00pm

Adjournment: President Jim Allen adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jane Luther, Secretary
Board of Directors
Meeteetse Museum District