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MINUTES OF THE HYRUM CITY MUSEUM BOARD MEETING **NOVEMBER 10, 2020** AT THE MUSEUM BOARD ROOM 50 WEST MAIN STREET, HYRUM, UTAH

CONVENED: 6:07 pm

ROLL CALL, CALL TO ORDER, and WELCOME: Chairman Downs welcomed everyone, especially our new curator, Courtney Cochley and called the meeting to order.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Steve Downs, John Petersen, Leisha Kunz, Craig Rassmussen, Courtney Cochley, Jami Van Huss, and Patt Hansen. Kathy Kingsbury, Elisabeth Cropper, Curtis Parkinson, and Linda Christiansen were excused.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: John motioned to approve the minutes of October 13, 2020, Craig seconded, all voted aye, and the minutes were approved unanimously as written.

BUSINESS:

1. Curator Introduction

Courtney Cochley introduced herself. She has a lot of experience in the museum field and Jami noted that she will complement the team well and has already been working on the *H2O Today* project. Elisabeth will be coming in on Mondays for the next few weeks to train Courtney once she (Elisabeth) is out of quarantine.

2. Past Activities Report

Jami reported on the annual Trick or Treat Back in Time, which was drop-in style so that people could come in on their own and be spaced out as we trick-or-treated around the museum. It went really well—we gave out at least sixty treat bags. This will probably be the last in-person activity of the 2020--2021 year. We will be offering the rest virtually unless there is a drastic improvement to the infection rate by the springtime. Starting with December's activity, Jami will make activity packets with two months of projects for kids to pick up so they can participate in the activities from home.

Jami also reported that her presentation to the Hyrum City Council on October 15th went very well and that the councilmembers and city leadership understand and support the need for professional positions at the museum. They also support her salary request for the new curator contingent on her securing grant money. City Administrator Salvesen also noted that he will begin speaking to the Cache County Executive regarding securing funding from the County to help pay museum staff salary since we provide a service to citizens throughout the county.

3. Veteran Interviews

Jami spoke briefly about the current health guidelines and the ways the museum is navigating them to safely remain open and a resource for our community. Accordingly, she noted that at this time, the museum can still facilitate veteran interviews by private appointment and that the need to collect them among our aging veterans is crucial. She encouraged board members to reach out to veterans in our community to make appointments.

4. H2O Today Update

At this point, and considering our Second Saturday plan, the official open date will be August 14, 2021. We may offer a soft opening on August 7th, but that will be determined as we get closer to the date. She and Courtney are collecting Memorandums of Understanding from partner organizations throughout the Bear River Heritage Area and it is shaping into a really great exhibition. The exhibit will run through February 5, 2022.

5. Other Reports from Board Members

Jami reported that after some discussion with city leadership, she determined to cancel the November, December, and early January Movie Nights. Although we could still offer them within health guidelines, at this point, she determined that since it's a free movie and no revenue is involved, it's best to hold off as infection rates are skyrocketing.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:48 PM

Dates to Note:

December 1	Back in Time, posted at 1:00 pm, <i>Super Stars!</i>
December 8	Board Meeting, 6:00 pm, at the museum with online option
December 24 & 31	Museum Closed for Christmas and New Year Holidays
January 9	Second Saturday, 10:00 am—3:00 pm, <i>Shoshone Stories</i>
January 12	Board Meeting, 6:00 pm, at the museum with online option
January 22	Friday Family Movie @ Elite Hall, <i>Trolls World Tour</i>
January 26	Back in Time, posted at 1:00 pm, <i>Shoshone Stories</i>
January 30	Board Training/Awards Dinner, 6:30 pm, Civic Center
February 5	Friday Family Movie @ Elite Hall, <i>Onward</i>
February 9	Board Meeting, 6:00 pm, at the museum with online option
February 13	Second Saturday, 10:00 am—3:00 pm, <i>Sweethearts & the Elite Hall</i>
February 19	Friday Family Movie @ Elite Hall, <i>Mulan</i>
February 23	Back in Time, posted at 1:00 pm, <i>Girl Power!</i>

ATTEST:

Steven Downs
Chairman

Jami J. Van Huss
Museum Director

Approved:
As Written: _____