



FORT SISSETON COMMISSION

11907 434TH AVENUE | LAKE CITY, SD 57247

**Fort Sisseton Commission Meeting
November 13, 2023
Minutes
10am in Library School**

The Fort Sisseton Commission met on November 13, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Chairperson Bruce Prins. Commission members present were Kirk Jones, Calvin Hove, Rosie Smith, Jim Patrick, Chuck Vrchota, Bill Hoskins, Doug Eidahl, Joann Hawkinson, Todd Garry, Bruce Prins, and JoAnn Hawkinson. SD GFP employees present were Al Nedved, Shawn Hendricks, and Willy Collignon. Ali Tonsfeldt took minutes.

Meeting called to order at 10:05am by Bruce

AGENDA ITEMS:

- **Review of the minutes.** Motion was made to approve the minutes from previous meeting by Calvin and seconded by Doug. Passed unanimously.
- **Foundation Report.** A foundation report was not given at this time.
- **Old Business.**
 - Ali gave an update on projects: tuckpointing, boardwalk, and windows
 - Ali gave an update on past events:
 - Escape Room: 119 tickets sold: \$2,400. Expenses: \$20. Net Income: \$2,380
 - Harvest Festival: included the Jamestown Kite Fliers
 - Ghost Investigation: Gross Income: \$4,900, Expenses: \$1,338.18. Net Income: \$3,561.82
 - Haunted Fort: Gross Income: \$481. Expenses: \$469.95. Net Income: \$11.05
 - Murder Mystery Dinner: Gross Income: \$2,706. Expenses: \$693.85. Net Income: \$2,012.15
 - Ali has the idea to use the Smithsonian pictures as a calendar and sell them as a fundraiser. Motion was made by Kirk and seconded by Chuck that if the calendars could be ready by Frontier Christmas on December 9th and lower than \$12.92 a piece that they would purchase the calendars. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Ali presented the information on purchasing a penny press at the Fort. It was motioned by Doug that Ali would purchase the compact penny press in her color choosing for Fort Sisseton with the money raised from the press to go to the Fort Sisseton Commission. Bill seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.



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- **Public Comment.**
 - Doug brought up the information reference Tamara St. John creating a new close reservation and concern on how that would affect Fort Sisseton.
- **New Business.**
 - Frontier Christmas is occurring on February 9, 2023. Ali has added a snow sculpture contest and the Boy Scouts from Millbank will be assisting again wherever they are needed. Fort Commission will be selling a meal again and Corrine Prins will be leading the meal.
 - **Master Plan.**
 - GFP has given the stamp approval for the Master Plan.
 - Ali is working with Brooke on some media things and talking points for the Commission. Along with a tracking system to keep record of who has been approached and who needs to follow up with whom.
 - Will has been talking to Tourism Board and the Glacial Lakes and Prairie members reference the Master Plan
 - Ideas for the Master Plan:
 - Table at Tourism Conference and Legislation Day at Conference
 - Find partnerships for the Master Plan
 - Contact Kristina Colby reference donations going to the Master Plan going through the Foundation.
 - Bruce would like to meet with the executive committee before next Commission meeting reference the Master Plan.
 - Fort Sisseton, Roy Lake and Pickerel Lake have all received new phone numbers due to switching companies.
 - We do have two spots to fill on the Commission since Judy Gulleson's position has now expired. Bill Hoskin has agreed to stay for another two years.

Motion was made to adjourn by Calvin and seconded by Jim. Motion was passed unanimously.

Ali will send out a doddle for the next meeting.