



PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY NEVILLE PUBLIC MUSEUM GOVERNING BOARD

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wis. Stats., a meeting of the **Brown County Neville Public Museum Governing Board** was held at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2023, at the Neville Public Museum, 210 Museum Place, Green Bay, Wisconsin

PRESENT: Kevin Kuehn, Kathy Lefebvre, Meghan Dickman -Renard, Alex Renard, Kramer Rock, Todd Bartels, Ron Antonneau, and Tom Friberg

ALSO PRESENT: Kasha Huntowski, Beth Kowalski

EXCUSED:

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1. Chair Kuehn called the meeting to order at 4:32PM.
2. APPROVE/MODIFY AGENDA
Motion made by Kathy Lefebvre and seconded by Ron Antonneau to approve the agenda.
3. Museum Director Report. Museum Director Kowalski reported that the museum is off to a great first quarter and thanked the Neville Public Museum Foundation for their ongoing support of programs and exhibitions. She provided the board the April 2023 Education and Recreation report and highlighted two exhibits with community partners.

Telling our Stories: LGBTQ+ Voices of Northeast Wisconsin is being created in partnership with the UWGB Archive's oral history project *Our Voices*. Using oral history interviews and artifacts, this exhibit will discuss national, state, and local LGBTQ+ history and contemporary issues relating to the themes of identity, advocacy, healthcare, and community. We are using the oral histories as primary sources that will create personal connecting points for visitors and show that the LGBTQ+ community is diverse and that its members do not all share the same universal experiences. (February 10, 2024 - November 3, 2024)

Art Against The Odds: Wisconsin Prison Art features about 30 artists who turned to creative production to mitigate the de-humanizing conditions of incarceration. The exhibition is divided into six thematic sections that illustrate recurring subjects explored by these artists: Solitary confinement, landscapes, portraits, letter writing, scarcity of materials, and time. In addition, several cell-sized room installations will elucidate aspects of confinement. A 160-page catalog with essays and artist pages accompanies the show. Initiated two years ago by Portrait Society Gallery of Contemporary Art in Milwaukee, WI, the exhibition will give voice and visibility to individuals currently held in the state's carceral system as well as illustrate the potentially profound healing properties of an art practice. With virtually no instructional art programs offered in the prison system, these individuals teach themselves through various means, often working with a limited range of materials. (March 16, 2024- May 19, 2024)

Museum Director Kowalski provided copies of the 2023 American Alliance of Museums Trends

Watch publication.

The Board congratulated the team in achieving reaccreditation by the [American Alliance of Museums](#). This is the highest national recognition afforded the nation's museums. The Neville Public Museum of Brown County was initially accredited in 1972. Museums must undergo a review every 10 years to maintain accredited status. **There are approximately 33,000 museums in the United States. Less than 3.4% of them are currently accredited. The Neville Public Museum of Brown County is 1 of only 21 accredited museums in Wisconsin.**

4. **Such other matters as authorized by law:** Museum Director Kowalski stated that our Museum Educator will start May 1, 2023, and that interviews were being scheduled for the vacant technician position from April 13/14, 2023.

She updated the board on the ARPA Parking Lot project. There is a preliminary design and full design should be complete by early May. Museum Director Kowalski will inform both Governing Board and Education and Recreation immediately if the estimated cost is higher than the budgeted amount. Once the plan is provided then bid scope for the conduit can go to purchasing and will be timed with the parking lot renovation. Likely an agenda item for Education and Recreation for June 2023.

Museum Director Kowalski shared that Monday afternoon she and her team received the draft of the bid scope for the Auditorium Renovation. After final approval the scope will be provided to our Senior Buyer and then shared for the bidding process. Ideally this bid approval will make it onto the May 2023 Education and Recreation agenda for approval.

The next scheduled meetings of the Neville Public Museum Governing Board will be **Monday, July 10, 2023 and October 9, 2023.**

5. Adjournment. Chair Kuehn, called the meeting to an end at 4:57PM. Motion made by Ron Antonneau seconded by Kathy Lefebvre to approve.