

Manager's Report

10 December 2024

Update From Last Meeting:

Last month, we talked briefly about accessibility issues. I'm keeping major renovation-based ones on my radar for now and watching out for funding opportunities; in the meantime I'm building some minor initiatives (doorsill ramps, etc) into spring/summer project planning.

Operations Highlights:

- Submitted a request to the McLean Foundation for \$5,000 to support our seniors programming (staff time and minor expenses)
- Making progress on data clean-up for collections database; volunteer Bob Ackney is beginning to add images for photographs collection. I am building more of this work into summer student jobs.
- Membership renewals have gone out; very positive response to achievements update
- 5 school groups this fall, making this our biggest fall-school-season since COVID-induced craziness of 2020
- Continuing follow-up on grain elevator partnership; Ulli will send us the lease with Kunze Gallery to get a better idea of revenue/terms; will set up another meeting for February following our strategic planning process; **update attached.**

Impact Story:

Maggie Leal-Valius, president of the Tilted Brick Art Gallery, approached us about a potential partnership; we had a very positive conversation about possible exhibits we could create or collaborate on with the gallery – a good expansion of our exhibit space and a downtown location.

Dave Drennan, president of the Curling Club, was in talking to me about a new exhibit in conjunction with the Club's 100th anniversary next year; this will likely be an extension of the ice Sports exhibit going up now.

Key Topic for Discussion:

Just keeping things on the radar for now:

- Murphy equipment member-engagement process following strategic planning process
- Pathways program begins in January

Important Dates:

- Holiday closure: 14 Dec – 6 Jan
- Strategic Planning session #1: 14 Jan
- Strategic Planning session #2: 28 Jan
- West Creston History Evening: 14 March
- Tammy's spring holidays: 30 March – 5 April
- Sumer student start date: 13 May

Collections:

Model steam engine may be going to the Lardeau Valley Museum.

Staff and volunteers gaining proficiency with database.

Programming:

29 people attended

Forgotten Creston book launch.

Full schedule of seniors programming despite compressed December schedule

Exhibits:

Objects for Ice Sports exhibit at Rec Centre now; just awaiting glass for display cases. Open this month?

Community:

Have had a couple follow-up conversations about the grain elevator

Volunteerism:

45 member renewals; 2 upgrades to patron; 4 donations alongside.

Staffing:

CSJ application submitted; YCW applications in progress.

The Creston Museum uses the past to inspire connections with the community today, address its challenges, and make it a better place to live, learn, and explore