



Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum

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The Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum is dedicated to supporting the Sheldon Jackson Museum and its unique Alaska Native ethnographic collection through advocacy, acquisition, and educational programming.

2024 Annual Members Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 5:38pm on Wednesday April 3, 2024

Land acknowledgement by Roby Littlefield

Attendance

President, Melissa Fouse
Secretary, Roby Littlefield
At Large, Justin Kaa Shaayí Ketah
At Large, Barth Hamberg
At Large, Christopher Berk (online)
At Large, Demaris Hudson (online)
Director Emeritus, Rosemary Carlton
Treasurer, Fred Olsen – absent

SJM curator, Jackie Fernandez-Hamberg
ASM chief curator, Allison Field
LAM director, Amy Chan

Board member and ASM/LAM leadership introductions

FoSJM President Report

Friends president Melissa Fouse reviews the 2023 year

- Finances are steady
- Renew your membership
- Advocacy and outreach continues

SJM Curator Report

SJM curator Jackie Fernandez-Hamberg reviews programs from the 2023 calendar year

- 2023 Summer artist residency program had 4 artists
- 2023-24 Winter lecture series had 8 culture bear presentations
- 2024 Summer artist residency program will host 5 artists: 4 new 1 returning

LAM Report

2023 year in review presentation by Amy Chan Director of the DEED Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums. Slides shared how the SJM fits into the Alaska State Museums family. Director Chan also gave an update on the status of the former Stratton Library building and now it is no longer the goal for the SJM to expand into that facility.



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Old Business

Silent Auction Fundraiser. Melissa Fouse introduced the upcoming online silent auction. An online platform will be used for the first time. Seeking donations of art for inclusion in the auction from members and the community. The Silent Auction will support the Native Artist Residency Program and go live in May and run through June.

New Business

Approval of 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes

Show of hands adopted the 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes

Election of Directors

In 2024 there is one available three-year director position. Roby Littlefield has served a two-year term elected in 2022 and wishes to continue on the board in a three-year term. She has been the board secretary for the last two years.

Show of hands elected Roby Littlefield to a 3-year term

Good of the Order

- FOSJM Office Assistant position is open
- Ongoing SJM Interpretive Plan 2024. Survey open
- First artist-in-residence coming on June 11th

Guest Speaker

Chuna McIntyre shares garments, song and dance, and stories in a presentation given in both the Yup'ik language and in English. Chuna is a Yup'ik garment maker, painter, storyteller, and cultural expert. Born in Eek, a small village on the coast of the Bering Sea, McIntyre learned traditional Yup'ik dance, stories, and songs from his grandmother. He later founded and directed the Nunamta Yup'ik Eskimo Singers & Dancers, a troupe that has traveled the world. In 2007, he was an artist demonstrator at SJM, in 2019 the museum brought him back for a consultation project focusing on documenting the Yup'ik mask collection, and in 2024 to consult for the bead deterioration project.

Adjournment at 7:12pm