

Regular Meeting of the Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum

Annual Meeting

February 6, 2021

**Mission Statement: 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.**

**Meeting called to order at 2:01 PM**

**ATTENDANCE**

**President, Rosemary Carlton**

**At Large, Frederick Olsen, Jr.**

**Vice President, Jan Steinbright**

**At Large, Darlene Orr**

**Secretary, Krystina Scheller**

**At Large, Inga Stromme**

**Treasurer, Lisa Bykonen**

**Office Assistant, Hannah Wolfe-MacPike**

**Curator, Jacqueline Fernandez-Hamberg**

**State Liaison, Patience Fredrickson**

**State Liaison, Addison Field**

**Robert Hoffman Board nominee**

**QUORUM ESTABLISHED**

**MINUTES**

Fred Olsen moved to accept minutes from last Annual Meeting.

Lisa Bykonen, seconded.

**All Reports Attached**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Rosemary** talked a bit about Covid and how it has impacted this last year. Darlene Orr and Krystina Scheller joined the broad at the last Annual Meeting and Inga Stromme joined in August. Jennifer Carter left for East Coast.

Worked on putting post cards in the Tlingit Legends book.

Native Artists program went ahead thanks to Jackie. She worked with artists so they could do their artist in resident program from the museum via Zoom, and also work on their art behind a plexiglass screen for the designated number of visitors allowed in the museum.

A document camera was purchased for artists and staff to use during zoom calls. A laptop computer was purchased for Hannah so she could work at home instead of going into the museum.

**Lisa Bykonen** gave the treasurer's report and was pleased to see expenses were less than income. Thank you to our supporters and donors.

**Jackie's Report.**

Jackie recruited and organized artists for Winter Lecture series. The Museum is very thankful for Friend's support. Despite being closed for 3 months due to Covid, we have still managed to carry on. We did have two in person events before the closure. Robert Hoffman, Tlingit artist, discussed formline

design via Zoom in November and in December June Pardue, Alutiiq/Sugpiaq demonstrated, also through Zoom, how to make lingonberry sauce.

June is our guest speaker for the annual meeting. She will be telling a story she wrote about a hunter, Tuntuq.

Next event on March 13th will be Richard Jackson on Zoom.

NEA grant of \$25,000 that will fund this year's artist in residency.

Eagle Bay Inn, Westmark Sitka and Alaska airlines have helped support Artist in Residency.

This coming summer will be busy with a new roof project.

Planning next exhibitions and busy keeping doors open.

Introduced Lisa Conway who will be taking over Robert's position now that he is retiring.

### Patience

Thank Friends for all the support that they have given Sheldon Jackson to continue offering high quality program during a difficult time. And to Jackie.

FYI 2021 Budget includes a small amount of money for health care and salary increases but also includes cutting two positions which would include cutting a seasonal position last SJM and a seasonal at the state Museum. Cuts are on the horizon for both museums.

### Addison

Praised the accomplishments of achieving the programs during Covid. Staff deserve a lot of credit.

### Hannah

Still working on a date for Silent Auction. Roughly 50 items have been donated. There are forms at the museum available for those interested in donating items for the auction.

Please give Hannah a ballpark of how much an item costs if you are going to donate it.

### Rosemary

Looking at offsite possibilities for Silent Auction if it's not possible to have at Museum. Please sign up for committees and volunteer to put post cards in Tlingit Legends books

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Robert Hoffman has agreed to run for the board. No other nominations from the floor. Inga will be stepping down and her spot is going to be open.

### Hannah

Thank you to the Carlsons for being members for 5 years.

Membership drive winners: Barth Hamberg and Darlene Orr.

Robert is elected to the board.

Option to adjourn, Lisa.

Seconded, Addison.

Meeting was adjourned and turned over to the speaker, June Pardue at 2:40. Following June's presentation, a surprise retirement celebration was held for Robert.