



Willa Cather National Statuary Hall Selection Committee
History Nebraska, Capitol View Room, and by Zoom
1500 R St, Lincoln, NE 68508
June 22, 2023 - 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Sara Crook at 12:59 p.m.

Notice to the Press

The meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on June 19, 2023.

Nebraska Open Meetings Act

The meeting was in compliance.

Roll Call

PRESENT - Rod Bates, Sara Crook, Jill Dolberg, Timothy Heller, Jim McKee

ABSENT - Aaron Wyatt

GUESTS PRESENT - Littleton Alston, Katie Brossy

Review of Minutes from the May 24, 2023 Meeting

Motion to approve May 24, 2023 minutes

Motion by: Tim Heller

Second: Jim McKee

Yes: Sara Crook, Jill Dolberg, Timothy Heller, Jim McKee

No: None

Abstain: Rod Bates

Motion adopted

Financial Status of Cather Funds

Jill Dolberg reported that, as of this date, the balance of the Willa Cather National Statuary Hall fund is \$29,741.41. There was discussion as to whether the remaining funds should be transferred to the Nebraska Hall of Fame. The group was in agreement that the major donor to the Cather fund, now deceased, would likely agree to this transfer of funds.

Motion to move the remaining Willa Cather funds, once remaining expenses are paid and after consulting with the Nebraska Attorney General's office, to the Nebraska Hall of Fame fund.

Motion by: Jim McKee
Second: Timothy Heller
Yes: Rod Bates, Sara Crook, Jill Dolberg, Timothy Heller, Jim McKee
No: None

Motion adopted

Distribution of Medallions Remaining

Motion to distribute the remaining medallions as follows:

Littleton Alston receives twenty.
Katie Brossy receives fifteen for distribution amongst Washington D.C. dignitaries.
The University of Nebraska receives twenty.
Rod Bates, Jim McKee, and Aaron Wyatt each receive one.
Nebraska State Senators who passed LB-849 each receive one.
History Nebraska receives fifteen.

Motion by: Jill Dolberg
Second: Timothy Heller
Yes: Rod Bates, Sara Crook, Jill Dolberg, Timothy Heller, Jim McKee
No: None

Motion adopted

Morton Statue Return Status

Littleton Alston reported that Nebraska City has all the details needed to ship the Sterling J. Morton statue from the Washington D.C. area back to Nebraska.

Thank You Notes

Thank you notes, on behalf of the Willa Cather National Selection Committee will be sent to the University of Nebraska and the Willa Cather Foundation.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:31 PM

Submitted by:
Jill Dolberg, Interim Director of History Nebraska

Approved by Sara Crook, Willa Cather National Statuary Hall Selection Committee Chair
September 22, 2023