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The Pratt Museum explores and preserves the culture, science, and art of the Kachemak Bay Region

The Homer Society of Natural History, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 18, 2026, 6:00 pm
Pratt Museum, 3779 Bartlett Street, Homer AK 99603

1. Call to Order & Roll Call (6:15pm)
    a. Present: Sue, Savanna, Clark, Tim, Cinda
2. Approve Agenda
    a. Motion: Clark moves, Tim seconds
    b. Discussion: none, passes
3. Public Comment (5-Minute Time Limit per speaker)
    a. No one present
4. Approve February 18, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
    a. Motion: Clark moves, Tim seconds
    b. Discussion: none, motion passes
5. Business Items (presented by Whitney)
    a. Form Ad Hoc Independence Day Parade Float Committee
        i. Anyone interested in joining this committee should reach out to Sue
            1. Savanna notes she will be out of town this year, sad times.
    b. Education & Public Programs Manager Position update
        i. Hannah Wolfe-MacPike accepted our job offer and will tentatively be arriving in Homer and beginning work April 27th. Hannah was previously the Collections Manager at the Kodiak History Museum for over 2 years. She is a lifelong Alaskan, raised in Sitka. Other professional experience includes work as an Interpretive Park Ranger for Sitka National Historical Park as well as with The Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum.
        ii. Side conversation on Shorebird Festival participation, noting that Hannah will shadow Whitney during the May 6-10 event so that she can learn about that process
    c. HVAC updates
        i. HVAC has been Short-cycling with the cold, electricians have been in and notes that there are some sensor issues, but have to have a system that will tell the HVAC to regulate the humidity
        ii. Request for bids is out for reviewing the system, being circulated via email to potential parties
    d. Resolution No. 26.01 to approve withdrawal of $75,000 from Global CD to contribute towards HVAC refurbishment expenses (into an account at FNBA)
        i. A remainder of +30k would remain in the CD and help reactivate the CD, this would be to have funds ready for the rfp responses and will be used with potential match from other parties

1. Basically, regular maintenance work that needs to happen because of 5(c)
2. A potential Needs Assessment or inventory of components might helps build a more complete picture of the problems and issues to be addressed

ii. Resolution read -
iii. Motion: Clark moves for approval, Cinda seconds
1. Discussion: clarification of the banking process, no objections, motion passes

6. Board, Committee, and Staff Reports
   a. Board President Report
   b. Finance Committee
      i. Gap because of change to monthly reporting, will resume next month
   c. Fundraising Committee Report
      i. Pratt Museum Day: May 30, 1998 (30 anniversary proclamation by Jack Cushing)
   d. Staff Reports
      i. Executive Director Report
      ii. Curator of Botanical Exhibits Report
      iii. Facilities & Exhibits Manager Report
         1. Discussion of deferred maintenance timeline and schedule
      iv. Collections Assistant & Visitor Experience Lead Report
      v. Communications Coordinator & Gardener/Educator Report
7. Board Member Comments (5-Minute Time Limit for each Director)
   a. Clark – asks about ship schedule, Whitney provides a quick overview of incoming ships, especially excited about Viking Cruise visitors; also asks about collections access and research requests specific to PastPerfect online
   b. Side discussion of community photo sharing program
   c. Sue comments about how Yarrow's magical unlocking of a lock that has been problematic recently
   d. Cinda – mentions the May Safe Kids fair and discussion of participation of the museum in that process
   e. Savanna – 75th Anniversary of HUMC and the collection housed in the Pratt's collection
8. Next Meeting Date:
   a. April 15, 2026, 6:00pm, Pratt Museum
9. Adjournment
   a. Motion: Clark moves to adjourn, Cinda seconds
   b. Discussion: none, motion passes

   Closed at 7:23pm

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Savanna Bradley, Secretary Date