

MHP, Inc. Summer Meeting
July 8, 2018 – 1:45 p.m.
Museum

The meeting was called to order by Audrey Solheim, Chair.

Those attending were Audrey Solheim, Judy Weigelt, Richard Melchert, Verna Bowers, Lewis Weigelt, Wanda Melchert, Rose Anderson, Wesley Gross, Jamie Schindler, Torie Jones, Casey Selzler, and Lindsey English.

The minutes were read. Wesley Gross made motion to accept the minutes and Torie second and the motion carried.

Richard gave the 2nd quarter treasurer report. The beginning balance \$7,837.06 plus the donations of \$3,278.00 equaled \$11,115.06. The expenses were \$5,464.59 with ending balance for 2nd quarter 6/30/18, \$5,650.47. Wanda made motion to accept the treasurer report. Lindsey second and motion carried.

Wanda gave the Museum Directors report. It was an amazing year with Torie Jones , Lindsey English and Casey Selzer. It was a dream come true. Thanks to the interns for taking on taking on and making Manfred their own. The public activities were Wells County Fair, Manfred Fair Booth, Fair Parade, open house, and Harvey Independence Day Parade. Wells County Historical Society voted in May for MHP, Inc. to share their bulk mail permit. There have been 180 visitors to date this season, easily exceeding to this point in the season. Contributing to the increase this season were the Open House during the Wells County Fair and All School Reunion, larger groups with Manfred as their destination, spotted Manfred from highway/signs, heritage, and a Sons of Norway meeting.

Audrey gave a report about Ben and Maggie Sorenson Family, early pioneers of Manfred.

Physical Site Report Yard Care thanks to Richard, Jamie Schindler and the interns for helping to keep Manfred looking great! Restoration focus this summer is the school west classroom. There are hopes to finish with sanding, apply finish coats on floor, paint the molding and chalk tray around the blackboards as well as install the classroom exhibit. Also plans are underway for a Comfort Station, goal of project (2018 planning-2019 implementation). The committee consists of Dean Vorland, Aaron Opdahl, and Tim Schander.

The group talked about advertising in the newspaper for Manfred Pioneer Festival being held Sunday July 22nd. Lindsey made a motion we spend \$75 to \$100 for ad space on KHND a week prior to event. Torie second and motion carried.

The interns gave their reports about their work this summer. Torie worked on collections, including mailing list and guest book entries. She set up Past Perfect software they used it make Pioneer Festival postcard. Printed labels for parade favors ad handed out bouncy balls and sticks of gum and handed them out during the Wells County Fair Parade and Harvey 4th July parade. She also setup new website. and many others things.

Casey researched websites, how to care for historic items, created social media pages etc. Lindsey created some posters and flyers for the pioneer festival learned how giving tours well and how to optimize outreach. She wrote skit for the pioneer festival, as well as several articles for Facebook and for the Museum Column in the Herald Press. Torie and Lindsey worked on the school class room floor.

Wanda gave Outreach report. Casey Selzler featuring social media and Lindsey English featuring July 22- Pioneer Festival. Wanda reported how we are doing in reaching Master Plan goals.

Ball field property has now been transferred to MHP, Inc. Cemetery Marker Restoration Workshop is scheduled for July 28th. Intern Appreciation Potluck will be Saturday, Aug 4th; next MHP, Inc. meeting is scheduled for September. 30th.

Submitted by
Judy Weigelt, Secretary