

MHP, Inc. Meeting
April 26, 2015
1:45 p.m. MHP, Inc. Headquarters

President Audrey **opened** the MHP, Inc. meeting. The board members present were Audrey Solheim, Pam Norstedt, Judy Weigelt, Richard Melchert, Wanda Melchert, Verna Bowers, Lewis Weigelt, Esther and Wesley Boese

The **minutes** of the October 5 meeting were read. Wanda made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Pam seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was given by Richard Melchert.

Verna made a motion to accept the report, Judy seconded it and the motion carried.

News letter Subscription/Renewal

2014 Total Newsletter Subscription New /Renewal \$ 125.00

2015 1st Quarter Newsletter Subscription New/ Renewal \$ 82.00

MHP, Inc. Contributions

2014 Contributions for the year in the General Fund \$ 7,280.00

2014 Contributions for the year in the Endowment Fund \$ 560.00

2015 1st Quarter Contributions in the General Fund \$3,365.70

2015 1st Quarter Contributions in Endowment Fund \$ 415.00

Corporate Report Manfred School Restoration SHSND Grant for 2013-2015 At the October 5, 2014 Wanda reported that the grant funds had been used up ., but a closer look she found that she had miscalculated and there remain unused grant funds. Grant deadline is April 30, 2015, but and extension on the grant to June, 2015. They are trying to get a contractor to do the steps.

PND Grant The grant application for Manfred School front door was submitted. The cement steps project need to be completed before front door project can begin. Greg Seidel will install the front door.

Assessment Grant for Manfred SHSND Grant Wanda is looking to obtain an assessment grant as a planning tool for Manfred

Education Report by Wanda. Fair booth was discussed. A new Prairie Churches book is being developed by the writers of the Ghost of ND. The Vang Church will have a two-page spread. A copy of the book will be sent to us following publication. Some things on the

wish list is an age-appropriate kits for use with school groups. Mouse River Trail Corridor--Minot to Carrington

Museum Director's Report by Wanda

Newsletter Histories compiled since the fall 2014 MHP, inc. meeting. Jens and Marie Renden Family was in the Nov. 2014 issues. The Nikolai and Everina Rogness Family history was in the Feb 2015 newsletter.

The Amazon Company set a notice regarding their donation program: Let your supporters know that their Amazon smile shopping can support MPH, Inc. Wanda will try to include information on Amazon Smile in the next newsletter.

Richard and Wanda settled comfortably in Mandan during the past winter. They are looking forward to staying in Manfred at the Melby-Rogness House through mid Oct. Wanda and Richard will generally be on site in Manfred Tues and Fri and every other Saturday and Sunday when Vang Services are held.

Some anticipated season projects are spring outdoor clean yard maintenance and mowing, it would be nice to add a perennial charm here and there in Manfred, continues with exterior painting on the east side of Manfred before moving scaffolding to the side where it aid in restoration project in the school, Hold work sessions for marker restoration in Vang cemetery and new walling in Vang Church's back and front stairways.

Thanks you ever so much to Pam and Verna for handling the recording and deposit of receipts throughout the winter. Pam emailed the results for Richard to record and Verna sent by regular mail to Richard and any bills needed to be paid. Also, thank you to Wesley Boese for regularly checking on the Melby-Rogness house throughout the winter and also for burning the tree/brush debris pile. And also a big thank you to everyone for keeping Manfred dear in their hearts and for sharing with others about this special place.

Historian's Report. Audrey had a few contacts from the website. One contact was from Clifford Almer Payne. He is the grandson of C. K. Melby. Pam and Wanda have been in contact with him since they are related.

She had a contact regarding Charlotte Stokes. Charlotte's father was Jacob Jacobson, her mother Malen Samuelsdatter Gausell Stokes Jacobson! These relatives settled later in the Cathay area. Sometimes there is not much information and these early settlers and then a relative whose is searching the web finds us and we are able to help each other in one way or another. She has worked with a lady named Sue Larson from Australia. Sue is related through Waldo Larson who is a son of Art Larson and a brother of Kermit Larson, who lives near Ongstads. It is great to be able to help folks who have roots in the Manfred area, and always amazed with their stories too.

Other business

Nominating Committee: Wesley Boese agrees to take the director's position previously held by Laverne Johnson. Richard Melchert made a motion to keep the same officers. Verna seconded the motion and motion carried.

Audit Committee: Lewis and Judy audited the fiscal records and found them okay.

New business: Sons of Norway Lodge Fagerlund will celebrate Norwegian Day with appetizers and beverages this summer at a date to be determined.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

A delicious lunch served. Thanks to everyone for the good lunch.

Judy Weigelt, Secretary