

Manfred History and Preservation, Inc.  
July 26, 2015  
Melby/Rogness House

Audrey Solheim opened the MHP, Inc. meeting. The board members present were Audrey, Pam Norsted, Judy Weigelt, Richard Melchert, Wanda Melchert, Verna Bowers, Lewis Weigelt, and Ruth Widiger. There were two special guests, Julie Rodacker and Lester Lien.

The minutes of the April 26, 2015 were read. Pam Norsted made motion to accept the minutes, Wanda Melchert second and the motion carried.

The treasurer report was given. Ending Checking Balance as of 06/30/2015 is \$3,310. The savings balance as of 6/30/2015 is \$16,833.25. The total of Checking and Savings is \$20,143.57. The loan to RVA of \$7500.00 was paid in full. The ending total is \$27,643.57. The report will be filed for audit.

Contributions since April are \$390.00. Endowment Report \$50. The total year to date contributions was \$3,775.70, including 86 newsletters renewals.

Endowment Funds Report by Audrey Solheim. \$9,830.16 as of 6/30/2015.

Curator Report - Pam Norsted: Hours worked May 822 hrs, June 286 hrs, July 241 hrs. Visitors came from 12 states this summer, including Massachusetts and Michigan.

Activities: Parades, Wells County Fair Parade and 4th of July Parade in Harvey.

Director's Report. Thanks you to Wesley Boese and Richard Melchert, Perry Anderson, Wanda and Richard Melchert for all that they did to give Manfred a nice look.

Projects completed painting of the Anderson house and headquarters needy portions and working with windows. Cleaned up basement of Melby-Rogness House and interior of Solheim station.

Upcoming projects this season. They will be working on creating a new cement post for the Melby-Rogness property. Greg Seidel will continue carpentry work at school, walling for the front and back basement stairways at Vang Church and some minor work at the Melby-Rogness House.

Charles Bolin - hope to have him do some reinforcing on the Solheim station facial, Wanda continuing the painting process for building on east side of Manfred, Solheim Station and Ostrem House before moving the scaffolding to the west side of Manfred for future projects.

Staffing: Richard and Wanda are staying at the Melby-Rogness and doing most of the staffing, Pam and Verna are filling in so far this season.

Grant report: Wanda is doing grants for the Manfred School restoration. Some of the grants are SHSND Assessment Grant for 2015-2017 and the SHSND Cultural Heritage Grant for 2015-2017.

Education report Fair Booth: A New Prairie Churches Book, and Cemetery Workday, July 18th.

Museum Director: The Cemetery project - July 18, School steps project complete, and School front door project waits funding.

Historian's Report: The Tollef and Bertha Haugen Family History Report.

Thanks to Lester Lien who came to present his replica to Manfred Museum of Adolph Shirley combine. Thanks to Julie Fehr Rodacker and the Fehr Family for donated farm equipment.

Audrey adjourned meeting. A good lunch was served.

Judy Weigelt, Secretary