

MANFRED HISTORY AND PRESERVATION, INC.
FALL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 25, 2005 AT VANG LUTHERAN CHURCH

Attending Meeting:

Board Members present:

Pete Anderson
Rose Anderson
Esther Boese
Verna Bowers
Laverne Johnson
Wanda Melchert
Herbert Ongstad
Audrey Solheim
Ruth Widiger

Others present:

Gwyn Herman
Reiner Widiger
Richard Melchert
Leonard Martin
Alice Martin
David Fitterer-Our Speaker
on endowments

Call to order: Audrey called the meeting to order by asking the secretary to have a roll call of the board members. All nine board members were in attendance. Six others were also in attendance.

Minutes of Preceding Meeting: Verna Bowers made a motion to accept the printed annual meeting minutes, dated July 24, 2005; Ruth Widiger seconded and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Ruth gave the treasurer's report from June 30, 2005 through September 25, 2005.

Beginning balance	\$4,114.00
Deposits	1,162.00
Trans. from savings	4,000.00
Total in checking	9,276.00
Expenses	6,661.51
Ending Balance	2,614.49 Checking Account
Ending Balance	10,129.37 Savings Account

Peter Anderson moved to accept the treasurer's report; Herb Ongstad seconded. Motion carried.

Contributions Report: Verna Bowers reported that the endowment fund increased from \$685 to \$710.

Correspondence: Wanda mentioned a letter we received from Museums of North Dakota, welcoming MHP, Inc. as a member of that organization.

Guest Speaker on Endowments: Laverne Johnson introduced Dave Fitterer, Financial Advisor for Edward Jones Investment Company. The Edward Jones Company started in 1871, helping individuals and small businesses with a conservative view towards investments. He is one of 9500 agents employed by Edward Jones and welcomed our questions on the subject of endowments as it pertains to Manfred Historical and Preservation, Inc. He answered the questions to our satisfaction regarding safety, amount needed to open an investment endowment account. For further questions, he can be reached at his Mandan office or by e-mail at EdwardJones.com. Audrey thanked Dave for explaining endowments and answering our questions. Laverne made a motion to set up an endowment with Edward Jones. Verna

seconded and made an amendment to place \$3,000 to open the account. The motion and amendment were passed. Volunteers to work with Dave Fitterer on this project were Gwyn Herman, Laverne Johnson, Verna Bowers and Audrey Solheim, ex-officio.

Corporate Division: Laverne reported for the corporate division: A very attractive sample fund raising letter was handed out to all in attendance. It will be mailed to all the MPH. Inc. supporters and newsletters subscribers in the near future. Laverne mentioned workshops at the Annual Governor's Conference on North Dakota History to be held at the Heritage Center on November 4 and 5 from 9 am to 5 pm with a fee of \$20 per day, which includes lunch. Some of the workshops: Basics of Archives; Firearms, Identification, Care, Exhibition and Legal Issues; Writing a Successful Grant and Searching for Grant Sources; Features on World War II including sessions on Conducting an Interview for the Veteran's History Project, Making Mannequins for Uniforms, Caring for Paper and Photo Collection. One of the featured speakers will be Jerry Tweton, Fessenden.

Education Division: Gwyn Herman, Chairperson, told of her plans to create a power-point show that will include a audio narrative and possibly background music. She will also work on the display for the July 2, 2006 Vang Church building centennial and research the possibility of obtaining grants for educational purposes.

Museum Division: Rose Anderson read the museum report on the progress made during the time we have been open to visitors. There were many hours from the volunteers staffing the museum. The most recent contributions of artifacts from Mrs. Walter (Astrid) Ongstad: a baby carriage that Oscar and Christine Ongstad used for their children, Nora, Orvin, Walter and Duane. Verna fitted the mattress cover to finish Walter's earlier restoration work; and two early wall mount telephones- Pete will work to reassemble them this winter.

Building and Grounds: Wanda Melchert reported on the progress being made on the grounds. Much has been accomplished with much more to get done. There's hope of getting the balance of the museum completed—the sheetrock and insulating of the kitchen and upstairs hall. More volunteers are welcomed.

Other Items of Interest: Mention was made of the July 2, 2006 celebration. Details will be printed in an upcoming newsletter.

Our spring meeting date will be **April 30, 2006.**

A request was made to send a newsletter to Muriel Delzer so she can add some of our news to the Wells County Historical Newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned and the Building and Grounds Division provided refreshments.

Secretary,

Esther Boese