

MANFRED HISTORY AND PRESERVATION, INC.
May 2, 2010 - 1:30 P.M. -MANFRED MUSEUM

Attending meeting:

Board Members:

Rose Anderson
Pete Anderson
Esther Boese
Verna Bowers
Pam Norstedt
Audrey Solheim
Lewis Weigelt
Ruth Widiger

Others:

Wesley Boese
Richard Melchert
Judy Weigelt

Patti Patrie. Bowdon visitor

Wanda Melchert, Museum Director

Call to order: Audrey called the meeting to order. Eight board members, Museum Director, and three others answered roll call. One visitor present. A copy of the following reports were given to each attendee: agenda, minutes of October 18, 2009, treasury and contribution, MHP endowment fund, corporate, education, museum director, and historian; also included was a copy of Dale Bentley's obituary. He served as the Executive Director for Preservation North Dakota.

Secretary's Report: Printed copy of our last meeting of October 18, 2009 was viewed by all in attendance. Rose made motion to approve minutes as written; Wanda seconded and motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Ruth explained items on the annual and two quarterly reports. The latest quarter 1-10-2010 to 3-10-2010 beginning balance \$6,455.98, deposits \$4,610.00, expenses \$1,450.19; ending balance in checking account \$9,615.79, savings account \$12,556.94; Total in both accounts \$22,172.73. Verna motioned to approve the treasurer's reports, Pete seconded. Motion carried and they were filed for audit.

Contributions: Verna reported contributions for January 1-2010 to April 20-2010 to the general fund \$3,020.00 and \$620.00 to endowment fund. Paid newsletter subscribers for 2010 through April 20, 2010 total 129.

Endowment Funds: The balance is \$5,678.04 through March 26, 2010.

Corporation and Education Division: In the absence of Laverne and Gwyn, a report was submitted by Laverne. On August 1, 2010, in conjunction with the Sons of Norway celebration, the hotel and schoolhouse will be dedicated with an open house to follow. The fair booth will be featuring the Sons of Norway celebration to be held at Festival Hall in Fessenden. MHP is also celebrating its 10th anniversary.

Museum: Pam demonstrated the new laptop computer purchased with funds partially supplied by Bill Ongstad. We also received an external hard drive from Bill filled with pictures scanned from the Ongstad slide collection of people and events from the Manfred area in the 1960s and 1970s.

Museum Directors Report: Wanda reported on the status of the grants submitted. Some of the grants were not awarded but she'll reapply. Upcoming events were noted, including spring work day in Manfred on Saturday, May 22 at 9 o'clock; potluck meal at noon. In case of bad weather, back up day will be June 5. Any plans to help with a benefit or memorial for Dale Bentley will be discussed at a later meeting.

Historian Report: Audrey presented an interesting story and biography on Sven Grane, an early Manfred resident and a colorful writer of the Manfred News in 1905-06. She also updated us on a former teacher, Lorraine Jenny (Quie). Lorraine and Audrey exchanged information on Lorraine's life and her inquiries of former students and their whereabouts.

Old Business: Ruth motioned to pay for registration fee for Wanda to attend Preservation North Dakota Conference. Verna seconded and motioned carried. Wanda is to turn in her bill for expenses.

New Business: The August 1st is scheduled for Sons of Norway Celebration at Festival Hall from 1-4pm. Patti Patrie will check with organizations in Bowdon to see if they would be interested in a fundraiser by serving lunch to the group before they come to Manfred. Wanda, Audrey and Pam will plan the program for the afternoon.

The nominating committee recommended that the officers and board members up for election keep their jobs for the coming year. Since there was no objection, we followed their suggestion. Our next meeting will be July 11, 2010 at the Museum. Following adjournment, lunch was served by the Museum Division.

Secretary,
Esther Boese