

**MANFRED HISTORY AND PRESERVATION, INC.
SPRING MEETING - APRIL 30, 2006 AT VANG LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Attending Meeting;

Board Members present:

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

Others present:

Reiner Widiger
Richard Melchert
Wesley Boese
Edgar Flick
Jeanne Flick
Pam Norstedt
Lewis Weigelt
Judy Weigelt
Betty Melby

Call to order: Audrey Solheim called the meeting to order. Printed copies of the (September 25, 2005) minutes were given to each one attending; Ruth Widiger motioned to accept the printed minutes and seconded by Judy Weigelt. Motion approved. Roll call was taken with eight board members and one excused absence; ten others were in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: The written treasurer's reports (annual 2005 and Jan-Mar. 2006) were distributed and filed for audit.

2005 Review – Wanda Melchert presented a review of the progress and activities undertaken in 2005. A printed copy with more details was handed out to all attending.

Endowment Report-A written progress was presented by Audrey Solheim.

Corporate Division: Laverne Johnson updated us on the recent grant-writing . Audrey Solheim wrote a grant that awarded MHP, Inc. \$5,000. Funds to be used for computer, projector, screen, and material for historical exhibit located in Vang church building. More planning has been made for the centennial celebration of Vang church building.

Education Division: In the absence of chairperson Gwyn Herman, Laverne presented the progress on the power point historical presentation for the July 2 Vang centennial celebration; discussed Wells Co. Fair and the signs needed for the parade.

Building and Grounds: Wanda Melchert announced that MHP, Inc. was again awarded \$250.,for the second year in a row, by The Trivent Committee for Join Hands Day, May 6, 2006. Work will begin at 9:30 with a noon meal served at Vang Church. Anyone is welcomed to join in the improvement activities of the day.

Museum-Wanda Melchert mentioned several ongoing projects underway at the Heritage Museum and the upcoming plans to finish and clean up the main floor for opening the museum as soon as possible. The time of 10:00 am until 4:00 pm each Wednesday through Saturday and from 1:00 to 6 pm. on Sunday, the museum will be staffed by volunteers. Ruth will continue to schedule workers.

Old Business- Wanda Melchert read excerpts of a letter that she had written to Adolph Shirley's Estate handlers (lawyer and family administrator) regarding the items that Adolph had bequeathed to MHP, Inc. Since the estate of Adolph Shirley is claiming the items that are stored at the museum, Reiner Widiger made a motion to give Wanda the authority to remove any of those items if and when the Estate desires to take them. Pam Norstedt seconded. The motion carried.

In regard to the July 2 celebration, Ruth made a motion to share a port-a-potty with Harry Detling family reunion which is the Sunday following the church celebration. Expenses will be split. Motion seconded by Laverne Johnson. Carried. Others volunteered for various areas of responsibilities for the activities of the day.

New Business-Judy and Lewis Weigelt will audit the museum records and report at the next meeting to be held in July. Election of officers and directors will also take place at the annual meeting. Nominating committee will be Pam Norstedt and Wanda Melchert. Pete Anderson, Audrey Solheim, and Rose Anderson are the three directors whose term is up. Wanda also wanted us to be thinking of ideas for brainstorming as to our future direction for MHP, Inc. We will pursue the possibilities at our next meeting.

Reiner Widiger made a motion that MHP, Inc. to place an ad in the Herald Press congratulating Harvey on their 100 yr. celebration. Herbert seconded. Motion carried.

We adjourned and enjoyed refreshments provided by the Education Division.

Secretary.
Esther Boese