

**MANFRED HISTORY AND PRESERVATION, INC.
MANFRED MUSEUM --OCTOBER 2, 2011**

Attending Meeting:

Board Members:

Rose Anderson
Esther Boese
Verna Bower
Laverne Johnson
Pam Norstedt
Audrey Solheim
Ruth Widiger

Wanda Melchert- Museum Director
Richard Melchert-Treasurer

Others in attendance-Wesley Boese, Gwyn Herman, and Reiner Widiger

Call to order: Audrey called the meeting to order. Seven board members, Museum Director and Treasurer, and three others were in attendance. A copy of the following reports were given to each attendee: agenda, minutes of July 17, 2011, treasury, museum and grounds, museum director and historian.

Secretary's Report: Printed copy of the July 17,2011 was reviewed. Verna made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Pam seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Richard presented the 3rd quarter checking account beginning balance of \$6,358.39, income of \$4,539.74, expenses of \$8,778.85, leaving a balance in the checking account of \$2,119.28. The savings account has a balance of \$12,690.39 and the total of checking and savings is \$14,809.67. Pam made a motion to approve the financial report and Verna seconded. It was approved. Verna made a motion that we purchase software to assist Richard in keeping the financial records for MHP, Inc.; the motion was seconded by Laverne and carried. Cost will be approximately \$60.

Contributions: In the absence of a written report, Verna reported a total of 174 paid subscriptions for the 2011 year. Total income of \$10,283.39 year to date and \$725.00 for the endowment fund year to date.

Museum, Buildings and Grounds: Pam stated that we had 71 visitors for the year, and 1018 hours of volunteer staffing and work around the town. Several visitors came after the museum was closed for the season, and they were not counted .Mention was made of a reed organ donated by Leroy Dybing and Clara Solberg, school books and miscellaneous items by Maridel Springer, Manfred items given by Lucille Weise, and a book donated by Bill Ongstad called Wells County Cemeteries of North Dakota.

Museum Director's Report: Wanda mentioned the projects that were completed this year: cleaning the school rubbish from building, exterior painting of Melby-Rogness house, spray painting of west and north sides of Hotel Johnson, church shingling, windows in bank building replaced and vents installed for cross ventilation and the Solheim house was cleared and debris hauled away. Also more than half of the Anderson house has been painted with three coats of paint. It really shows up nicely. Much is left to be done but much has been accomplished this year.

Historian's Report: Audrey showed us an autobiography of Orvin Ongstad written for grandson Michael . That will be something we can read while staffing the museum. Other reports were on Clarence and Clara (Solberg) Dybing and Martin and Gudrun Kopseng Bjorke. Interesting reading indeed.

Other Business: Wanda and Pam will take care of the nominating for upcoming election in the spring. Pam made motion and Verna seconded to not put an ad in the Ritz Magazine. We had discussed the issue and decided against placing an ad. Judy and Lewis will be asked again to audit the books.

Wanda expressed appreciation to Ruth for all her years of service to MHP, Inc. She saw the need to have elected officers and to have a set of by-laws. She was instrumental in incorporating the bank building into MHP, Inc. She was real good at keeping the museum staffed. We miss her presence and hope she will be back when possible.

Our spring meeting is tentatively set for April 29th.

Audrey adjourned the meeting and lunch was served by Museum/Grounds Division.

Secretary,

Esther Boese