

MANFRED HISTORY AND PRESERVATION, INC.
APRIL 26, 2009 - 1:30 P.M. -MANFRED MUSEUM

Attending meeting:

Board Members:

Pete Anderson
Esther Boese
Verna Bowers
Wanda Melchert
Laverne Johnson
Pamela Norstedt
Audrey Solheim
Ruth Widiger

Others:

Wesley Boese
Wesley Gross
Gwyn Herman
Judy Weigelt
Lewis Weigelt
Reiner Widiger

Call to order: Audrey called the meeting to order. Eight board members and six others answered roll call. Rose Anderson was excused for work. A copy of the following reports were given to each attendee: agenda, minutes of October 5, 2008, treasury and contribution, MHP endowment fund, corporate, education, museum, museum director, and historian.

Secretary's Report: Printed copy of our last meeting in October was looked over and Verna asked that more figures be printed on future reports regarding the treasury balances. No other requests were voiced.

Treasurer's Report: Ruth explained the yearly (2008) report as well as the January - March (2009) Income for 2008 was \$9,669.00 and expenses of \$12,073.29-year end balance \$5,721.09 in checking account and \$7,474.97 in savings account. The balance ending March 31,2009 is \$6,473.24 in checking account and \$7,474.97 in savings.

Contributions: Verna reported general contributions in 2008 of \$7,509.00 and endowments of \$805.00. General contributions for Jan.-March 2009 are \$1,127.00 and endowments of \$100.00. Newsletters for 2008 were 134 and this year 18 renewals or new subscriptions.

Endowment Fund: Audrey discussed the status of our endowment fund.

Corporate: Laverne presented the completions of most of the projects that were included in the Cultural Heritage Grants. A few things need to be finalized as soon as possible. Another grant will be sought to continue the exhibits.

Education: Gwyn plans on using some of the exhibit panels for the fair board display. She is also working on an educational activity for students visiting Museum.

Museum: Pam told of the accomplishments in the Museum and her plans for things yet to be done through the summer.

Museum Directors Report: Wanda discussed the panels she is having made for the museum, which will soon be installed. She has plans for the next couple of newsletters. She will be painting hotel sometime this summer. She made a motion to give \$100 to Dale Bentley's health challenge with sarcoidosis. Pete seconded. Gwyn amended the motion to \$200.00. Reiner Widiger motioned to go with the amended motion. Wanda and Pete withdrew their motion and second. The amended motion passed. Wanda thanked everyone for their help and cooperation in rejuvenating Manfred.

Historian Report: Audrey told us some interesting people that she has included in her biographies. She has a wealth of information on Manfred and surrounding communities.

Old Business: Since Judy and Lewis were not able to get the auditing done for this meeting; they will complete it before our June meeting. Verna will check for approval to put some more of the Sons of Norway items in the museum.

New Business: Pam made a motion to buy 1000 forever stamps before the price increase. Seconded by Reiner. Carried. Verna will get the stamps. Discussed possibilities for celebration of Sons of Norway- decided there's time to think about it. Bill Ongstad proposed a big sign on the highway. He will provide the funds if we can design a sign. Our work day at Manfred will be Saturday, May 23rd.

The nominating committee recommended that we retain the present directors (Laverne, Esther and Verna) and the officers for the past year stay in their respective offices. Lewis Weigelt was nominated to director position to take Wanda's director position as she will remain as Museum director and we are allowed nine others for directors. Gwyn motioned to accept the recommendation. Verna seconded and motion carried.

Our meeting was adjourned. While the Corporate division served lunch, we watched a DVD that Pam had set to Laverne's musical tape. It was a very good and well done. They also viewed the drafts of the panels that will be installed in the museum in May.

Our next meeting will be Sunday July 26th either at the Museum or Church, depending on weather and wishes of the group.

Secretary,
Esther Boese