

MANFRED HISTORY AND PRESERVATION, INC.  
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 30, 2019 MEETING

Audrey Solheim called the meeting to order.

Attending Meeting:

Audrey Solheim

Pam Norstedt

Judy Weigelt

Richard Melchert

Verna Bower

Wanda Melchert

Rose Anderson

Wesley Gross

Jamie Schindler

Torie Jones

Pat Lentz

Lindsey English

Typhanie Schafer

Roll call was taken, and after reviewing the minutes Pam made motion that they be approved. Motion seconded by Verna and carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** The second quarter beginning balance was \$10,076.58, with income of \$2,455.00 and expenses of \$5,432.84, resulting in an ending balance of \$7,098.74. Pam made a motion to combine the two bank accounts. Verna 2nd. Motion carried. Pam made motion to accept the treasurer's report. Verna second. Motion was accepted.

**Director's Report:** Lindsey English, intern again for this summer, reported that she has been working on Outreach. Torie Jones and Typhanie Schafer, who are also interning with MHP, Inc for three weeks this summer, are planning to complete the Collections inventory. Wanda offered thanks to everyone for sharing in the vision of MHP, Inc. We've always been interested in outreach, but through the years our urgent work was to compile the history and rescue the buildings of Historic Manfred while there was still time to do so. The aspect of outreach came into the forefront with the help of the NDMAP (ND Museum Assessment Program grant of 2015-2017). In early 2018, the concept of hosting a pioneer festival was born.

**Historian's Report:** Manfred is celebrating 125 years since its beginnings. Much has happened during those years. The following people are among those who helped gather and record Manfred's history through the many years.

Anderson's - P.B. Anderson; P.B.'s son Perry Anderson; Perry's son Peter Anderson.

Adolph Shirley - born in 1905, was a "walking history book" regarding Manfred.

Johnson's - Olga Johnson, with the help of her daughter, Laverne, compiled the Vang Church history for its Diamond Jubilee; Laverne, has shared photos and stories of life on the farm; Russell Johnson recorded events/activities especially from his younger years. He also wrote information in many letters he sent us.

Nertrost/Whipple - Sennev Nertrost wrote history of Ladies Aid charter members.

Solheim. Annie Solheim helped Sennev Whipple with typing the histories and kept the history "fires" going which was a nurturing environment for her daughter, Audrey; Audrey Solheim, Manfred's historian, has had an interest in genealogy since high school days. Through the years her genealogy computer collection has expanded into the thousands.

Solheim/Melchert Audrey Solheim and Wanda Melchert (a Melby descendant) have been privileged to work together with a number of the descendants of early settlers to Manfred Townships in compiling their family histories. Each history is not only a keepsake for the family, but also adds much richness to Manfred's history.

**Physical Site Report:**

Manfred School Manfred School projects completed since the last meeting were the hallway , two cloakrooms and the entry.

Setting up exhibits Panel apparatus obtained from Barnes County Museum, which had been stored in the Solheim Station, will house the school display by class. Prairie Churches of ND panels were donated to MHP, Inc. by the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Many of these panels have now been placed in the school and church buildings.

Vang Church Back Stairway Project.

The walls were textured, primed, with the hope of painting the top coat before the pioneer festival. The railing will be attached to the wall which will make the stairway safer.

Melby- Rogness House Exterior Painting Project. Scraping and priming of exterior has begun, the hopefully be completed before the Pioneer festival.

**Collection Report:** MHP, Inc has been working with Wells County Museum regarding the possibility of transferring some collections that were given to them from Manfred prior to Manfred having a museum. There are details to be worked out before this transpires.

**Outreach Report:** Through the use of social media, Facebook, Newspaper and radio, the aspect of outreach has been in progress through intern Lindsey English. She also helped with restoration work.

**New business**

Judy Weigelt made a motion to donate \$100.00 to Boy Scout Troop for volunteering to scrape the Museum Headquarters prior to painting. They also helped paint the interior of the school. Rose Anderson 2nd the motion and the motion was approved.

Discussed final preparations for Pioneer Festival.

Planning for remainder of 2019

1. Planning for cemetery marker preservation workday in September
2. Vang Harvest Festival ---October 6, 2019, with the musical group consisting of Laurie Lloyd, Marjorie Kleinsasser, and Kim Ebel

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, September 22, 2019

Audrey adjourned the meeting

Lunch was served