

Manfred History and Preservation, Inc.

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Manfred History and Preservation, Inc. (MHP, Inc.), a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, was founded July 25, 2000 for the purpose to gather, organize, and share the history of Manfred, ND and its traditional trade area, and to encourage preservation of its historic buildings and community pride.

Manfred Heritage Museum, a function of Manfred History and Preservation, Inc., is dedicated to provide present and future generations the opportunity to learn about the important contributions rural places such as Manfred have given to North Dakota and to America.

Meeting of May 25, 2004

Call to Order and Welcome - Wanda Melchert
Secretary's Report - Ruth Widiger
Treasurer's Report - Ruth Widiger
Contribution Report - Verna Bowers
Correspondence and visitors
History Periodicals-Round Robin

MHP, Inc.:

Brochures: Literature Distribution program. Thank you to Esther, Rose, and Ruth for folding the Manfred Heritage Museum brochures and to Esther and Herbert in counting to make bundles, which were sent to nine of seventeen rest stop sites. The brochure is also on the racks at the Heritage Center and the Harvey Area Chamber.

Future action: Wanda will print a supply to have on hand for when we are notified of the need for additional brochures.

Bylaws: Preservation North Dakota (PND) members Dale Bentley, Daryl Van Hall, and Veronica Miller met with MHP, Inc. on May 12, 2004 at the Anderson Farm to draw up bylaws. Rose and Wanda served a supper following the meeting. Attending from MHP, Inc. were Herbert, Rose, Verna, Ruth, and Wanda. Sending thank you to PND for coming to help us.

Membership fee to PND (\$5 per board member household.)

Appointed board has been: Wanda, Verna, Ruth, Pam, Rose & Pete, Esther, Perry, Herbert.

Review and approve bylaws. Date: _____ Once bylaws are approved – schedule annual meeting.

Annual meeting: Schedule for election of board including officers, 2003 reports. When to do?

Finance Committee: to meet to put together 2003 financial report. When to do ?:

Grant award of \$3,740.00 matching grant: 2004 Grant sponsored by the ND Legislature and State Historical Society with \$75,000 to award. Of 85 applications requesting over \$330,000, MHP, Inc. was 1 of 20 receiving a grant.

Grant contract has been signed and returned: Check of \$1,870 expected in the near future.

Claudia Berg, Director of Museum and Education for SHSND helped and encouraged Wanda with grant proposal.

First quarterly report on grant project due July 1, 2004. It is expected that our project will be completed by end of

August. The balance of the grant will be paid upon meeting the specified deadlines and the successful completion

of the project. One site visit will be scheduled during the project period, and one visit after project is completed.

Danielle Stuckle: Danielle has been hired through the grant (approx 12 weeks) to help set up the museum using professional museum standards including cataloging the collections, policy development, & exhibit development. May 28th will be Danielle's first official work day of the project as an orientation and consultation day at the Heritage Center. Meeting with Jenny Yearous Curator of Collections of SHSND will be Danielle, Audrey, and Wanda (volunteer hours). This group will meet over lunch with Claudia Berg prior to the session. Jenny will be available throughout the project to answer questions. Danielle is preparing a Project Proposal to present on the 28th and with MHP, Inc. when it meets next.

June 1-Danielle begins at Manfred. \$9 per hour at \$360 per week (\$720 every two weeks)
Every two week schedule would be: June 11 and 25, July 9 and 23, August 6 and 20.

Welcome for Danielle and conversation with her regarding her work plan for the museum project

Volunteers will be helping Danielle as part of the volunteer hours for the grant. Volunteers

Grant costs: Summary of expected costs for museum project: \$4,220 Salary, \$750 Past Perfect Museum Computer

Software, \$1,500 Cataloging and Exhibit Supplies: \$6,470 expected costs - \$3,740 grant award = \$2,730 approx. cost to MHP, Inc.

(Grant requested \$5,000 – grant received \$3,740 = \$1,260)

(Matching grant money proposed \$1,500, with \$1,260 of grant award not received = \$2,760 is close to approx cost to MHP, Inc.

Balance of matching grant is in the form of volunteer hours at \$15 per hour.)

Functioning of Museum: Staffed with Open hours when flag is flown. Folding stand out front, sign along highway.

Donation jar. Port-a-potty on Melby-Rogness property beginning May 15.

Next Newsletter: Vol 4, Issue 2 on the Roble-Haugen Family - distribution goal is late July to early August.

New printer that does two-sided printing.

Wells County Fair booth and parade: Manfred booth. Parade.

Upcoming Plans at Melby-Rogness House: Perhaps about \$1,750 - \$2,000

Garages – Painting lead by Verna. Wanda will obtain estimate from Charles Bolin for repair work. \$150

Basement – Complete northwest corner with Paul Gunderson, add drain tile, and pour basement floor. \$600

Exterior – Gutters and downspouts following completion of basement work. \$300

Interior – Greg Seidel to complete sheetrock work in stairwell and second floor. \$500 labor + sheetrock

Related activity:

Obtain items – move safe and stove from Adolph Shirley's place, footed bathtub from Alice Lithun farm.

Volunteer hours with museum project. When to do?

Around Manfred:

Accomplished recently:

- Service Station roofed by Bolin Brothers in April
- Cash Store roofed by Bolin Brothers in April
- Tree cutting – Tree north side of cash store, tree west side of bank/post office, trees overhanging on parsonage.
- Spraying for weeds – Primarily Vang Church and service station yards so far.

Some Other Upcoming Projects in Manfred:

- Service Station – Repair work by Charles Bolin. Audrey coming in July to work on station.
- Cash Store – Clean up tree debris on south side of building.
- Nennie Johnson-Lars Ostrem House – With Greg Seidel in progress. Rod Anderson coming in June to work.
- Backhoe work by Mark Faul – Culvert at Lake and LaGrand. Work with cement debris on Opdahl property.
- Manfred School – Harry plans to repair chimney.
- Vang Parsonage – Porch roof repair planned by Bridget Harkness and family.
- Vang Church outhouse – Clean out by Curtis Lamm.
- Clean up more metal debris – Work Day at a later time.
- Ongoing yard clean up and care on various properties.

Next meeting date: _____

*Together we are making a difference for Manfred and for the history of the area.
All are welcome and needed. Invite someone to come.*