

MANFRED HISTORY AND PRESERVATION, INC.
MANFRED MUSEUM-SEPTEMBER 29, 2013

Board members present:

Rose Anderson
Esther Boese
Verna Bowers
Richard Melchert
Pamela Norstedt
Audrey Solheim
Wanda Melchert- Museum Director

Others:

Wesley Boese

Call to order: Audrey called the meeting to order. Six board members, the museum director, and one other were in attendance. A copy of the following reports were given to each attendee: agenda, minutes of July 21, 2013, treasurer, contributions, museum and grounds, corporate and education, historian, and Museum Director's report. The endowment report was included for our viewing.

Secretary's Report: Verna made motion to approve the minutes as printed. Pam seconded and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance as of 7-01-13 was \$9,148.55 with quarterly income to checking account of \$606.00 and expenses totaling \$1,319.25 and \$4,000.00 transferred to the savings as approved at last quarter's meeting. The total in the checking account is \$4,435.30. Savings account presently is \$16,783.26 which includes the transfer from checking.

Contributions Report: Verna reported newsletter subscriptions (new and renewals) Total to date 134. Income to the general fund to date is \$5,376.00 and \$60.00 to the quarterly endowment fund.

Museum and grounds: Pam reported an increase of visitors to the museum this season. There were a total of 212 visitors. She felt the increase resulted from good newspaper stories and a bus full of school children. Pam also typed 56 years of monthly meetings from the Manfred Homemakers into her computer. She found it very interesting, as will anyone that reads it in the future.

Pam informed us that *Friends from Ghost Towns of North Dakota* are giving Manfred a 4 page spread in their second hardcover soon to be released in couple months.

Corporate Division: We are anxiously waiting to learn if RVA will be awarded a grant for Manfred School. This is a grant applied for from The State Historical Society of North Dakota. Pam motioned for Wanda to secure a grant for securing an intern for approximately 12 weeks for the summer of 2014. Verna seconded. Motion carried. This could be a benefit to the intern and also to Manfred.

Education Division: Wanda brought up an idea presented to her by Steve Kourajian, Harvey who proposed a lecture/forum/tour series at Manfred in 2014. It could also include members of the Bowdon and Wells County Museums to create awareness. A few of the ideas for such a series could be: Preservation of cemeteries, prairie churches, Mouse River Trail, railroad history, other ideas that may be presented. We will look for possibilities of finding sponsors to help with the cost. Also it was suggested that we have an educational development workshop for local teachers. The ideas were well received. Verna seconded. Carried

Museum Directors' Report: Wanda thanked everyone for doing their part in Manfred this summer. Wanda and Richard attended the Preservation North Dakota Conference August 16-18. They heard several interesting speakers and toured the Abby, Hebron Brick Co., Lynch Knife River National Historic Landmark, Hutmacher Farm site and Killdeer Mountain Mancamp. They seemed to enjoy the conference.

Historian Report: Konrad Bjarne Langlie- Related to a Manfred family – Otto and Petronella Bergsgaard. Also the Miller family who brought ashes back home to be buried or dispersed near their ancestors' home in Wells County.

The nominating committee for next year is Wanda and Pam.

Our next meeting will be April 27, 2014.

We adjourned and had lunch.

Secretary

Esther Boese