

Manfred History and Preservation, Inc.
Summer Meeting
July 13, 2014 – 1:30 p.m.
Melby/Rogness House

The meeting was opened by President Audrey Solheim.

Board members present were Richard Melchert, Wanda Melchert, Audrey Solheim, Verna Bowers, Ruth Widiger, Lewis Weigelt, Rose Anderson and Pam Norstedt. Others attending were Wesley Boese, Wesley Gross, Judy Weigelt. A copy of the following reports was given to each attendee, agenda for July 13, 2014 and minutes of April 27.

In light of Esther Boese's resignation as secretary, due to her health; Judy Weigelt was appointed as secretary, to fulfill her term.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 27 meeting was made by Ruth and 2nd by Lewis, motion carried.

Fiscal Report was provided by Richard.

Beginning balance of 4-1-14 \$9,012.77
2nd Quarter Income \$795.00
A total of \$9807.00
2nd Quarter Expenses \$927.52
A loan to Rural Vestige Alliance \$7500.00
Total Expenses; \$8,427.52
Ending Balance as of 6-30- 14 \$1,389.25

In savings there is a total of \$16,808.17. Combined total of checking and savings \$18,188.42 Lewis and Judy did the audit of 1st and 2nd quarter and stated all was in order.

Newsletter and Contribution Report provided by Verna:

2014 Year to date Subscriptions/Renewals 111.
Contributions 2014 year to date
General Fund \$5,345;
Endowment Fund \$360

Museum and Grounds Report by Pam: Had a discussion about having "Hav It" do the mowing. They will come mow anything for \$35 an hour. They will supply gas and mowers and do the weed whacking. Things continue to be done around Manfred. Richard and Wesley spent many hours of mowing. A big thank you was given to them for keeping up and creating very nice park-like grounds. Wanda and Richard also are keeping up the schoolhouse restoration and replacing windows.

Visitors in May were 8; and in June, 15.

Hours logged, March 4.5, April 59, May 259.5, June 178.

Donations this year include: Table and chairs from Schlenkers by John Hovey. Table and chairs from the hotel, typewriter and typewriter table from Donald Anderson. Many various items – kitchen, apparel and miscellaneous have been given by Wanda from the belongings of her mother and step-father, Muriel and Lowell Boyum. Carpets and the post office clock were donated by Astrid Ongstad. The Fehr family is waiting for approval of receiving the farm machinery. Pam made a motion to accept the farm machinery from the Fehrs. Lewis second. Motion carried

Corporate Report: SHSND Grant for 2013-2015 Manfred School restoration project in process. This included installing new window panes where panes are broken or missing.

Funding Sources. A special thank you was given to MPH, Inc. for loan of \$7500. Remaining projects needing to be complete by April 30, 2015 for this grant include new front steps, new front door, putty windows and restoration of main story window frames and molding and interior wood staining.

Education Report: Completed Wells County Fair Booth. A Cemetery Restoration Workshop is planned with Mark Timbrook of Minot State University will be the leader. A project on the waiting list includes age appropriate learning kits--we are wishing to develop age-appropriate learning kits to have on hand for when school groups visit Manfred. We are also looking as a long range plan a project involving the historic sites on the Mouse River Corridor-- from Minot to Carrington.

Historian Report: Audrey received a 1926 District Sons of Norway pin from a Fargo Convention. The pin had been worn by Walter Ongstad, when he became active in the Sons of Norway lodge at Bismarck. His father, Oscar Ongstad, was a charter member of the Fagerlund lodge and was active with Audrey's grandfather Ole Onstad, who was the charter president. Audrey wore the pin with pride at the 100th Anniversary of the District S/N Convention in Fargo in June.

Audrey is in the process of entering into electronic files of the Old Manfred News. The first year was 1906 and now the project ended with year 1953. It gives an interesting overview to life of the folks in the Manfred community which are a searchable format. There were several people who have worked on this project including Ethel Bolyard, Elaine Holman, Maridel Sprenger and Pam Norstedt.

Three grand nieces of Judge B. F. Whipple visited the museum in June. B. F. Whipple was married to Sennev Nertrorst who was County Superintendent of Schools for years and a member of one of Manfred's pioneer families. Audrey worked up the genealogy on this family connecting the nieces to the Whipplers/Nertrorsts.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting - October 5 at 1:30.
Judy Weigelt, Secretary