

MANFRED HISTORY AND PRESERVATION, INC.
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 9, 2016 MEETING

Attending Meeting:

Rose Anderson
Verna Bowers
Pam Norstedt
Audrey Solheim
Jamie Schindler
Richard Melchert
Wanda Melchert

Call to order: Audrey called the meeting to order with roll call being taken. Five board members and two others were in attendance. A copy of the following reports were given to each attendee: minutes of July 17, 2016 meeting, and the treasurer, contribution, grant, education, museum director, and historian reports.

Secretary's Report: Printed copy of the July 17, 2016 minutes was reviewed. The minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Richard Melchert reported on the 3rd Quarter which had a beginning balance on July 1, 2016 of \$10,324.39 with receipts of \$1,008.00 in contributions. Expenses for 3rd Quarter were \$3,250.24 resulting in an ending balance of \$8,082.15. The savings account had a beginning balance on June 30, 2016 of \$22,865.56. Interest for the 3rd quarter was \$8.64 with the ending balance of \$22,874.20. The treasurer's report is filed for audit.

Newsletter and Contributions Report: Verna Bowers reported a total of 149 paid subscriptions since January 1, 2016. Total year-to-date general contributions is \$6,885.00. 3rd quarter contributions toward the Edward Jones account was \$50.00.

Edward Jones Invested Funds: Audrey Solheim presented a report for the Edward Jones Invested Funds as of September 30, 2016 with 1,207.419 shares currently being held at \$9.41 per share with a total value of \$11,361.81.

Museum Director's Report: Wanda Melchert gave thanks to Jamie Schindler for his help in yard care and use of his trailer, the K-FYR Kafé participants, and Harry Detling for use of his lift. A National Register nomination for Manfred is in the beginning stages. Wanda shared that Manfred is on or near three trails: North Country National Scenic Trail administered by the National Park Service, the early Mouse River Trail that once was used in the days before Manfred began, and the Central Dakota Birding Drive which is a series of three birding routes. Three "new" used mowers were added for Manfred this season Lawn Boy push mower donated by Verna Bowers, Zero turn riding mower donated by George Nelson, and Snapper riding mower purchased by Wanda Melchert.

Restoration Report: The bank/post office building was reroofed in September by contractor Charles Bolin. He also repaired the hotel overhang, and Wanda Melchert and Jamie Schindler had a start on painting the exterior.

Assessment Grant Report: Wanda Melchert reported on the Assessment Grant and the “homework” to do in preparation for the upcoming meeting to be held with the grant consultant, Aaron Novodvorsky. The board members helped in this preparation work by shared thoughts on why people volunteer.

Museum Collections Report:

Audrey Solheim reported that the Collections computer data has been rescued from our failed computer system with the help of the staff of the Past Perfect Company. She will be reviewing Manfred’s Collections data during the coming winter with the goal to have this information in order ready for future use in the Collections work for Manfred Heritage Museum.

Other Business:

- **New Bank Account:** Motion-To open an account for MHP, Inc. at the First International Bank in order for the treasurer, Richard Melchert, to make bank deposits in the Bismarck/Mandan area where he lives during the winter. Dakota Heritage Bank does not have a branch in Bismarck Mandan area, but First International Bank has a branch in both Harvey and Bismarck. Motion made by Pam Norstedt, seconded by Verna Bowers, and approved by the board.
- **Student Program through the ND Commerce Department:** Motion-To sign up to have two student workers over the course of the next biennium. Motion made by Verna Bowers, seconded by Pam Norstedt, and approved by the board. The cost of this program for MHP, Inc. will be \$3,000.00 per student, with \$3,000.00 per student coming from the ND Commerce Department.
- **Reimburse Wanda Melchert for cost of Snapper mower:** Motion-To reimburse Wanda Melchert the cost of the Snapper mower of \$800.00. Motion made by Rose Anderson, seconded by Pam Norstedt, and approved by the board.
- **Rest Stop facility at Manfred:** Need-Before we can reach out to larger groups the service of a rest stop facility is needed. There are people waiting to be able to camp with us if there were electrical hook-up sites at the rest stop. This need will be included in our future planning.
- **Smart Phone for Manfred:** There is a Facebook site for Manfred. It would be good to have a smart phone for Manfred to enable our historic site to have direct contact with the public through Facebook. This is something to look into.
- **Unmarked burial sites:** Art Fisher may know of unmarked cemeteries in this area, something to check on with him.
- **Governor’s History Conference:** This conference will be held in November with Richard and Wanda Melchert hoping to attend.
- **Next Meeting:** Our next meeting is planned for Sunday, April 1, 2017.

Adjournment: Audrey Solheim adjourned the meeting.

During the lunch, the following artifacts were shared:

Embroidered cloth from Adele Hanson’s 1940-1941 Lower Grades Class is now framed
New artifact: Katie Smith engraved magazine rack and letters donated by Mark Nelson
New artifacts: Ranum/Nelson tools of Ice Tongs/Bale Hook, Level, and Meat Saw
donated by George Nelson

Acting Secretary, Wanda Melchert