

MANFRED MUSEUM-- MAY 1, 2011

Attending Meeting:

Board Members:

Rose Anderson
Pete Anderson
Esther Boese
Verna Bowers
Pam Norstedt
Audrey Solheim
Lewis Weigelt
Ruth Widiger

Others:

Wesley Boese
Wesley Gross
Richard Melchert

Wanda Melchert-Museum Director

Call to order: Audrey called the meeting to order. Eight board members, Museum Director, and three others answered roll call. A copy of the following reports was given to each attendee: the agenda, minutes of October 10, 2010, treasury and contribution, MHP. Inc. endowment fund, corporate, education, museum director, museum and grounds, and historian.

Secretary's Report: Printed minutes of the October 10, 2010 were viewed by all in attendance. Ruth made motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as printed; Verna seconded and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Reports for the 4th quarter, 10-1-2010 to 12-31-2010, an annual report and a first quarter report ending March 31-2011 were printed for our viewing. The most recent quarter started Jan.1-2011 with a balance of \$3,804.65, income of \$6,654.04, expenses \$1,170.27, balance of \$9,288.42 and saving account of \$12,652.73; a grand total of \$21,941.15 on March 31-2011. A motion was made to approve treasurer's report; Wanda seconded, motion carried.

Verna made motion have had or are trying to locate someone that originated in Manfred. It makes for some lively discussions and must be fun to locate a long lost relative for some of her contacts.

Elections: The nominating committee submitted the following for new directors and officers as follows: Ruth, Pam and Lewis for directors; President Audrey, Vice -Pres. Pam, Secretary Esther, Treasurer Ruth. Rose made a motion to accept the nominating committee's recommendation; seconded by Verna. All approved.

Museum Director's Report: Wanda mentioned several projects that we can work on to complete. Plans are to finish painting the hotel, plaster and restore Johnson-Jacobson-Ostrem house, paint the museum, repair the post at museum, repaint trim on Solheim Station, restore window spaces at the post office. Plenty of projects to keep everyone busy.

Contributions: From January 1, 2011 to April 27th, 2011, donations totaled \$5,234.47; Endowments \$335.00 (included \$40 from last year) and new and renewals to the newsletter totaled 129.

Corporate Division: Audrey acknowledged the grant for the electrical wiring to the garage and exhibit panels being installed in the museum. Several ideas for future grants were listed-grants to be submitted by May 15, 2011.

Education Division: Audrey plans on using the panels featuring farming activities in the 2011 Wells County Fair Booth. These panels will be permanently installed in the Melby-Rogness South Garage after the fair.

Museum: Pam gave an update on the work that has been accomplished around the museum and grounds. The plans for clean-up day on May 7 will be to clean out the school and Solheim house. Plans for a potluck noon meal were finalized with each volunteering to bring the necessary food items and picking out our work station.

Wanda, Audrey and Pam attended the Preservation North Dakota Conference and made a presentation on the Manfred School and Solheim House. Pam brought back the Excellence Award, presented at the banquet in recognition of the community of Manfred. This plaque will hang proudly in the museum.

Historian's report: Audrey corresponds with many interesting people. She shared some of her conversations and e-mails from some former Manfred residents.

New Business: Clean-up day will be on May 7. Projects will be to clean out the school and Solheim house. Plans for a potluck noon meal were finalized with each volunteering to bring the necessary food items and picking out our work station.

Other business: Since there has been no response from Rita Seidel regarding an estimate for painting the museum, Ruth withdrew her motion from the previous meeting for an estimate from her and will accept an offer by Wanda and her brother Merlin to do the painting. Ruth mentioned the elevator lots in Manfred and has talked to elevator manager about purchasing them. Nothing definite was decided.

Our next meeting will be July 24th, 2011. Corporate and Education will provide refreshments.

Our meeting was adjourned and museum and buildings group served lunch.

Secretary
Esther Boese