

Minutes of April 29, 2018 Meeting

Presented by Judy Weigelt

Called to order by Audrey Solheim

Those attending were Audrey Solheim, Judy Weigelt, Lewis Weigelt, Richard Melchert, Wanda Melchert, Verna Bowers, Rose Anderson, Wesley Gross, Jamie Schindler. Interns Torie Jones and Casey Selzler introduced themselves. Intern Lindsey English wasn't able to attend.

The Minutes were reviewed. Verna made a motion to approve. Wesley Gross second. Motion carried. (Verna/Lewis)

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Richard Melchert:

*2017 4th Quarter Financial Report had a beginning balance of \$7,819.32, inflow of \$1,853.50, outflow of \$3,618.43, and ending balance of \$6,054.39.

*2017 Year-end Report had a beginning balance of \$5,851.83. Income through the year was \$10,891.50 with transfer of \$16,000.00 from savings creating an inflow to checking of \$26,891.50. Expenses were \$26,688.94 which included payment of the outdoor interpretive panels resulting in a 2017 year-end-balance of \$ 6,054.39.

*2018 1st Quarter had a beginning balance of \$6,054.39, income of \$6,130.00, expense of \$ 4,347.33 for an ending balance of \$ 7,837.06. MHP, Inc. Saving account balance as of 03/31/18 was \$8,905.11.

Rose made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Verna second. The motion carried. The books were audited April 26, 2018 by Lewis and Judy Weigelt. The fiscal reports were found to be in good order. Designated donation report by Wanda Melchert - The 1st Quarter donations to the MHP, Inc bank accounts totaled \$6,130.00

Building committee Fiscal Report January 1, 2017-December 31, 2107 presented by Audrey Solheim:

*Rural Vestige Alliance Committee: beginning balance of \$7,273.70, income of \$2,180.00, expense of \$2,029.92 primarily for restoration of the school for an ending balance of \$7,423.78.

*Johnson/Ostrem House Committee: beginning balance of \$4,653.04, income of \$85.00, expense of \$110.00 for an ending balance of \$4,608.04.

*Melby Heritage Society Committee: beginning balance of \$499.27, income of \$1,075.00, expense of \$417.00 for an ending balance of \$1,572.27.

Edward Jones Investment Fund (toward an Endowment Fund) presented by Audrey Solheim:

The total value of this account as of March 28, 2018 was \$13,680.66.

Directors Report by Wanda Melchert: Discussed cost of Bulk Mail. Wanda made a motion for MHP, Inc. to pay a portion of Wells County Historical Society's bulk mail permit cost and to seek permission from them to share in the use of their permit number. Torie Jones second. Motion carried. Wanda also presented a report on the celebration of Manfred's history every step of the way.

History Report by Audrey Solheim: The history of the charter/early members of Bethel (Hauge) Church is in the process of being compiled by Audrey Solheim and Carol Ravnaas Schroeder. Other family histories worked on were Erfjord family, Jacob Springer, and the Skogmo family. Newsletter histories included the Le Grand family in November 2017 and the Fehr family in March 2018.

The Physical Site Report was presented by Wanda Melchert: In 2017, minor work was done on the Melby-Rogness House and Johnson-Ostrem House; the repainting of Hotel Johnson was completed; the north side of the Cash Store was restored and tin on all sides of the building was secured; the main level classrooms of the school were painted and much of the molding installed and some of the trim was stained, the east dormer of the school was restored; decorative trim on the Solheim House was removed for restoration; some painting took place in the church basement, additional cemetery markers were cleaned at a successful workshop day; improvements were made to the "Triangle;" and twelve interpretive panels were installed in six locations in Manfred.

Collections Report was presented by Audrey Solheim: Donor groups included Caroline Rodne and Severt Dovre, the Long family, Audrey Solheim, Judy Cook Duerre, and Larry Hoffman.

Outreach Report was presented by Wanda Melchert: In the aftermath of the Assessment Grant, some of the Master Plan points to work on were brought forward: to develop name and location recognition for Manfred, encourage individuals to volunteer their time and talents, and to draw visitors to choose to visit Manfred which we are currently working on; and in the near future to develop our school group audience which can become a possibility with the building of a comfort station.

Activities for the 2018 season include:

*June 23-24 Open House in conjunction with the Wells County Fair: Verna made motion to order one port-a-potty and set up a Wash Station. Jamie second and motion carried. It was decided to have donations rather than a set amount for this primitive camping during the fair.

*Sunday, July 22 Pioneer Festival: Wanda made a motion to pay \$150 plus gas for the musicians. Verna second and motion carried. Motion made by Wanda to place Ads in surrounding newspapers to advertize the pioneer festival. Judy Second and motion carried. Jamie made motion to order two port-a-potties for festival. Rose second and motion carried. There will be speakers, music, demonstrators, standing-still-parade, old-time games, and food (hot dogs and ice cream).

Nomination Report and Election of officers/directors: The following officers were elected for one-year terms: Audrey Solheim-Chair, Pam Norstedt-Vice Chair, Judy Weigelt-Secretary, and Richard Melchert-Treasurer. The following directors were elected for three-year terms: Verna Bowers, Richard Melchert, and Judy Weigelt.

A photo taken in Manfred by Bob Miller appeared in the Bismarck Tribune. The meeting was adjourned by chairperson Audrey Solheim followed by lunch. The next meeting will be Sunday, July 8 beginning at 1:45 p.m.

Report submitted by Judy Weigelt