

# *Manfred History and Preservation, Inc.*

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*Manfred History and Preservation, Inc. (MHP, Inc.), a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization, was founded July 25, 2000 for the purpose to gather, organize, and share the history of Manfred, ND and its traditional trade area, and to encourage preservation of its historic buildings and community pride. The organization operates entirely through the help of volunteers and contributions.*

*Manfred Heritage Museum, a function of Manfred History and Preservation, Inc., is dedicated to provide present and future generations the opportunity to learn about the important contributions rural places such as Manfred have given to North Dakota and to America.*

Meeting of September 14, 2003

Annual Meeting

Call to Order and Welcome - Wanda Melchert  
Secretary's Report - Ruth Anderson  
Treasurer's Report - Ruth Anderson  
Presenting Bills (Attachment)  
Recording Secretary's Report - Verna Bowers  
Solicitation Report - Ruth, Verna, Wanda (Attachment)  
2002 Annual Narrative Report – still to do  
Correspondence (Attachment)  
Visitor's to Manfred (Attachment)

## MHP, Inc. Growing Into Its Future

### \*Proposal to hold Election of Officers

2000-2003 Officers

Wanda Melchert, President 2000-2003

Verna Bowers, Vice President 2000-2003

Pam Norstedt, Secretary 2000-2003

(Ruth Widiger acting secretary 2002-2003)

Pam Norstedt, Treasurer 2000-2001

Ruth Widiger, Treasurer 2002-2003

### \*Proposal to develop bi-laws for MHP, Inc.

### \*Manfred History and Preservation, Inc., making a positive difference

Thank you for all you have given in the three years since the founding of MHP, Inc. Each one has helped to make a difference.

MHP, Inc. is a great group of people sharing together on a remarkable adventure.

The opening of a museum now gives the MHP, Inc. organization substance and a voice.

### \*Proposal to set up committees

### \*Report of the Dedication, July 26, 2003, Birthday of the Manfred Heritage Museum.

Thank you to everyone for your volunteer help and items given as needed in preparation for the Dedication.

Plaque as member of Chamber of Commerce

### \*Restoration Report, Wanda Melchert, coordinator

Activity During June-September 12, 2003 (Attachment)

### \*Upcoming Work Activity and Planned Work Days

*Interior* - November pack things away

*Electrical work* – Gift of heater for basement. Nightwatch sensor. Motion light for porch.

Report regarding type of service from electric company - Pete

*Exterior* – Gutters and downspouts. Gopher holes.

Plan Work Day this fall for brush and tree clean-up \_\_\_\_\_

Properties in transition: Gas station, hotel property, Lena's property. Advise on fate of buildings.

*Basement* – Projects on northwest corner with Paul Gunderson

*Garages restoration project.* Carpentry repair work. Install flashing. Scraping. Painting.

*Acquisition Work Day* – in order to move Safe and stove from Adolph Shirley's place \_\_\_\_\_

*Other* \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Johnson-Ostrem Home Preservation Fund**

Proposal of assisting through Preservation Easement

**\*Other roofing projects by property owners**

Bridget Harkness Home was shingled in July

Roofing projects: post office lean-to, gas station, cash store

**\*History Report, Audrey Solheim, historian**

Old Manfred News: Dianne Aull, Ethel Bolyard, Elaine Homan, Maridel Sprenger

Audrey's present area of work is biographies for the manfrednd.org website

National Registers – 1905 First State Bank-Manfred Post Office, 1905 Johnson-Ostrem Home

**\*Manfred Newsletter**

Subscription only beginning March 1904

Upcoming history pieces

Assemble September newsletter hope Wednesday

**\*North Dakota Community Foundation, Kevin Dvorak Director (Attachment)**

**\*Protection of the community and its property**

**\*Upcoming Manfred Events**

Opening reception of the Prairie Churches exhibit, Heritage Center at Bismarck, Friday, October 24, 4-7 p.m.

Harvest Fest, Vang Lutheran Church sometime in October

**\*Functioning of Manfred Heritage Museum**

Staffed with Open hours – Fly flag. Donation jar.

Public service: Port-a-potty – propose to pay 'rent' of monthly fee during season

Internet connection with telephone number 547-2564

**\*Manfred Heritage Museum Gift Shop**

Propose to open in spring at the Melby-Rogness Home

**\*Wish list: Rain gauge, old pillows to use on the Burkum bed, lightweight plastic sheeting or old sheets as covers**

**\*Other agenda\_\_\_\_\_**

**\*Next meeting date: November 23?, 2003**

Quarterly? Proposed dates in 2004: February 29, May 23, August 29, November 14

*Thank you so much for attending the meeting today.  
Together we are making a difference for Manfred and for the history of the area.  
All are welcome and needed. Invite someone to come.*