

**MANFRED HISTORY AND PRESERVATION, INC.**  
**MANFRED MUSEUM --OCTOBER 4, 2015**

**Attending Meeting:**

Board Members and Members at Large:

Verna Bower  
Pam Norstedt  
Audrey Solheim  
Ruth Widiger  
Richard Melchert  
Wesley Gross  
Julie Rodacker

Wanda Melchert- Museum Director

Others in attendance-Jamie Schindler, Merlin and Laurie Schwartz.

Special guests were-Jacqueline Thuma and Darlene McFeters from Missouri, and Adele Widiger Holth and her daughter Cassidy from Carrington ND. Before the MHP, Inc. meeting began, Jacque Thuma presented two artifact items to the Manfred Museum: "Erik the Red" painting she created as a gift for her step father, a descendant of Erik the Red, and "Polly Pink" a porcelain doll given her by her parents in 1944. Jacque also presented photos and other meaningful materials to Adele Widiger Holth, Adele having been named after Jacque's mother Adele Hanson who had also been a teacher of Ruth Widiger when Adele taught at Manfred School in 1940-1941.

Other special guests arriving during the meeting were Joseph Biever and Julianne Fosse. Joseph is a grandson of Marvin Biever and is very interested in history and has been placed on the Manfred Newsletter mailing list.

**Call to order:** Audrey called the meeting to order. Five board members, museum director, and four others were in attendance. A copy of the following reports were given to each attendee: agenda, minutes of July 25, 2015 meeting, as well as treasurer, contribution, grant, education, museum director, and historian reports.

**Secretary's Report:** Printed copy of the July 25, 2015 minutes was reviewed. Wesley Gross made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Verna Bowers seconded; motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Richard Melchert presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter fiscal report with a beginning balance of \$3,310.32; income of \$956.00 and loan repayment from RVA of \$7,500.00, totaling \$11,766.32; expenses of \$1,527.41 and transfer to Savings of 5,000.00, totaling \$6,527.41; resulting in an ending balance of \$5,238.91. The total of checking and savings accounts is \$27,072.16. The treasurer's report has been filed for audit.

**Contributions:** Verna reported a total of 90 paid subscriptions for the 2015 year, including 4 received in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Total year-to-date general contributions of \$4,020.70 including \$265.00 received since the July meeting. Total year-to-date endowment fund of \$715.00 including \$100 received since the July meeting, \$615 of the \$715 having been transferred to Edward-Jones earlier this year.

**Museum:** No report this time.

**Grant and Education Reports:** The 2013-2015 Cultural Heritage Grant was finally completed with the installation of the school steps. We did not succeed in obtaining a 2015-2017 grant for the Ostrem property, but did succeed in obtaining an Assessment Grant for MHP, Inc. which is to help toward long-range planning for the museum. For the educational activity, the thought of having a Prairie Churches Tour sometime in the future, could be a possibility. Trinity Lutheran of Esmond and Viking Church of rural Maddock might be good sites to include.

**Museum Director's Report:** Recent and current preservation projects include repainting on part of the Solheim Station, as well as some repainting on the Melby-Rogness House. Clean-up projects included clearing space in the Anderson House for left-over supplies which enabled the extra materials in the Ostrem House to be moved to the Anderson House. The Ostrem House needed to be cleared out ready for continuing interior restoration work. The Melby-Rogness basement was cleared out and also cleaned up in the north garage.

Upcoming projects include installation of a front door on the school, installation of wall panels in the stairways and furnace room of the church, minor work on the Melby-Rogness House, installation of a ceiling in the Ostrem House, and repair of the Solheim Station facial.

The O.S. Hedahl History is nearing completion. Something new since May is the Manfred News in the Herald Press has started up again and there has been positive response to this. Thanks to Wesley Boese and Richard Melchert for keeping Manfred looking beautiful, to Verna Bowers and Pam Norstedt for filling in for staffing when the Melcherts were gone, and to everyone for helping to promote Manfred!

**Historian's Report:** An inquiry about Edward and Hulda Stein was made by Mary Brewer, one of their grandchildren. Edward was a harness maker in Manfred prior to 1905. Four of five of their children were born at Manfred. Also included with the Historian's Report were Manfred newspaper entries from December 1905.

**Other Business:** Wanda and Pam will take care of the nominating for upcoming election in the spring. Judy and Lewis will be asked again to audit the books prior to the annual meeting in the spring.

Our spring meeting is tentatively set for Sunday, April 24, 2016.

Audrey adjourned the meeting and lunch was served.

Acting Secretary,

Wanda Melchert