

MANFRED HISTORY AND PRESERVATION, INC.
MINUTES OF THE JULY 17, 2016 MEETING

Attending Meeting:

Board Members:

Rose Anderson

Verna Bowers

Pam Norstedt

Audrey Solheim

Richard Melchert

Wanda Melchert- Museum Director

Call to order: Audrey called the meeting to order with roll call being taken. Five board members and museum director were in attendance. A copy of the following reports were given to each attendee: minutes of May 1, 2016 meeting, and the treasurer, contribution, grant, education, museum director, and historian reports.

Secretary's Report: Printed copy of the May 1, 2016 minutes was reviewed. The minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Richard Melchert reported on the 2nd Quarter which had a beginning balance on April 1, 2016 of \$12,628.43 with receipts of \$1,525.00 in contributions. Expenses for 2nd Quarter were \$3,829.04 resulting in an ending balance of \$10,324.39. The savings account had a beginning balance on April 1, 2016 of \$21,856.98. Deposited to savings was a donation of \$1,000.00 given in memory of Donald Anderson designated for use in the restoration of the 1st State Bank of Manfred/Manfred Post Office building. Interest for the 2nd quarter was \$8.58 with the ending balance of \$22,865.56. The treasurer's report is filed for audit.

Newsletter and Contributions Report: Verna Bowers reported a total of 147 paid subscriptions since January 1, 2016. Total year-to-date general contributions is \$7,420.00. 2nd 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 with 1,196.419 shares currently being held at \$9.13 per share with a total value of \$10,983.13.

Museum Report: Pam Norstedt reported artifact donations from the following on said dates:
05/27/16 Donation from Darlene Quenette – the framed photo collection of her grandmother Caroline Anderson. 06/10/16 Donation from Betty Froeber Pepple – her wedding dress from November 1949 made by her mother Veronica Froeber. Also included with the dress is the veil and the prayer book Betty carried at her wedding. 06/28/16 Donation from Erling Olson – his father's wagon jack from his farm in rural Esmond. 07/03/16 Donation from Karen Ravnaas - cup and saucer that Myrtle Rogness had given her.

Grant and Education Reports: Wanda Melchert presented the Grant and Education Reports. Currently, MHP, Inc. is under an Assessment Grant. Several outreach events tied in with this are as follows: Manfred was represented in parades for both the Wells County Fair in Fessenden as well as the 4th of July parade in Harvey. On July 3-4, the Manfred Heritage Museum had a successful Open House with nearly 90 registered visitors not including a number of children that hadn't signed. The success was made possible by Manfred being listed on the Harvey All-School Reunion schedule of events. On Friday, July 22, KFYZ Radio will broadcast their K-FYZ Kafé talk show program from Manfred, with arrangements being made by Bill Ongstad. On Saturday, July 23, a Cemetery Marker Preservation Workshop is planned at Vang Cemetery. For the Education aspect, the theme of Manfred's fair booth this year was "Historic Manfred" featuring historic photos of the town, farming photos, and a few business ads. Also, copies of Manfred's brochure were on hand in the booth.

Museum Director's Report: Wesley Boese retired the end of May from mowing in Manfred. We thank Esther and Wesley for the many ways they have helped with the Manfred Museum through the years and they will be missed. Manfred saw many improvements because of their generous volunteer help and use of equipment. Packets of Manfred's new brochure were mailed with the help of Rose Anderson, Verna Bowers, and Wanda Melchert to Chamber of Commerce and CVBs throughout North Dakota. It was noted that the brochure had already been picked up from Medora and Devil's Lake by people visiting Manfred. For restoration projects, the top of the station front was rebuilt this spring with the help of contractor Charles Bolin and painted by Wanda. The scaffolding currently is at the hotel with its destination by fall to the school.

Historian's Report: Audrey Solheim provided an example of what the Biography section on manfrednd.org is like using Erik and Augusta Soderback as the example. Erik operated a hardware store in Manfred from 1925 until 1941. Each biography on Manfred's site includes a brief genealogy, a narrative, followed by a few photos of the said people, their home, and their business or farm as available. The home lived in by the Soderback's is the one Audrey's parents, Helmer and Annie Solheim purchased, where Audrey grew up. This building, the oldest home in Manfred built in 1899, and is located north of Manfred School.

Other Business: Pam Norstedt brought before the board an offer by her brother George Nelson of a tractor their father Vern had owned. It was decided not to accept the tractor due to lack of an indoor location for it in Manfred and also concern for the ability to care for it moved by Verna Bowers seconded by Richard Melchert, though the members are sorry to not be able to accept the tractor. Pam then brought before the board an offer of a couple of smaller farm artifact tools which the board accepted moved by Rose Anderson and seconded by Wanda Melchert. Thank you Pam and to your siblings for this upcoming donation.

Our next meeting is planned for Sunday, October 9, 2016.

Audrey Solheim adjourned the meeting and lunch was served.

Acting Secretary,

Wanda Melchert