

MANFRED HISTORY AND PRESERVATION, INC.  
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2019 MEETING

Vice Chairman, Pam Norstedt called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Pam named Wanda Melchert as Acting Secretary for Judy Weigelt. Roll call was taken with the following attending the meeting:

Pam Norstedt	Wanda Melchert
Richard Melchert	Jamie Schindler
Verna Bower	Wesley Gross
Rose Anderson	

After reviewing the minutes of the June 30<sup>th</sup> meeting, a motion was made by Wesley Gross to approve the minutes, seconded by Verna Bowers.

**Treasurer's Report:** In the treasurer's report given by Richard Melchert, the third quarter beginning balance was \$7,098.74, with income of \$1,035.00 and expense of \$7,007.10, resulting in an ending balance of \$1,126.64. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Verna Bowers and seconded by Rose Anderson.

**Director's Report:** The central focus for MHP, Inc. and the Manfred Heritage Museum is that of education. Wanda Melchert reviewed the many aspects of education implemented through Manfred including guided tours, Manfred Newsletter, the manfrednd.org website, self-guided tours aided by outdoor interpretive panels, Manfred's Facebook page, "At the Museum" column in the Herald-Press, and the Manfred Pioneer Festival. A motion was made by Verna Bowers and seconded by Rose Anderson to hold the 2020 festival on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Approval was made by the group for a festival planning committee to be set up. Other aspects of education Wanda noted include our first North Dakota Studies event this year and a continuation of leading cemetery marker preservation workshops held this year at Bethania Lutheran Free Cemetery located seven miles north of Manfred. The intern for the 2020 season will be Greta Beck, a student in history at NDSU.

**Historian's Report:** The group reviewed the historian's report compiled by Audrey Solheim containing interesting information about the start of public schools in Dakota Territory and instructions for teachers. Audrey compiled an alphabetical listing of the teachers who taught in the Manfred School District. Comments were shared and enjoyed on this topic.

**Physical Site Report:** What helps make Manfred look so amazing is its beautiful grounds mowed this season by Jamie Schindler, Wesley Gross, Richard Melchert, Lindsey English, Wanda Melchert, and Pam Norstedt. The school window restoration project will be the main fundraising focus for the coming year. With the telehandler of Harry Detling available, the next painting and restoration work hoped to be accomplished next spring will be on the hard-to-reach areas: roof soffit, second level windows, and the portico over the front entry.

**Collection Report:** Torie Jones, who served as collections intern during 2018, provided a report on her work at Manfred, together with intern Typhanie Schafer for a few weeks in 2019. They continued processing the inventory sheets, attaching numbers to objects and photographing them. Torie organized the yet-to-do collections paperwork as a help for next season's intern. Torie developed the beautiful new website and put it into operation.

**Outreach Report:** MHP, Inc. and the Manfred Heritage Museum are engaged in a number of methods of outreach and will continue to build on this foundation.

**New business**

Wanda Melchert will serve on the nominating committee in preparation for the election at the spring 2020 meeting. The Vang Harvest Festival is planned for October 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. The program will be given by the vocal ensemble of Laurie Lloyd, Marjorie Kleinsasser, and Kim Ebel.

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, May 2, 2020

Pam Norstedt adjourned the meeting

Lunch was served