

MANFRED HISTORY AND PRESERVATION, INC. MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 – 1:30 P. M. – VANG LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Attending meeting:**

Board Members:

Pete Anderson  
Rose Anderson  
Esther Boese  
Verna Bowers  
Laverne Johnson  
Wanda Melchert  
Herbert Ongstad  
Audrey Solheim  
Ruth Widiger

Others:

Gwyn Herman  
Pamela Norstedt  
Judy Weigelt  
Lewis Weigelt  
Reiner Widiger

**Call to Order:** Audrey called the meeting to order. All nine board members and five visitors answered roll call. All present were given a written agenda, secretary and treasurer's report, contribution report, a report by each division, [except the education division], museum director and a report from the historian.

**Minutes of preceding meeting:** Verna made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Pamela seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** After viewing the printed treasurer's report, Verna made a motion and Pete seconded to accept the report and file for audit.

**Contributions:** Verna reported contributions of \$1,026.30 and eleven new or renewals for Newsletter subscriptions for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter ending September 30.

**Corporate Division:** Laverne reported on the recent Cultural Heritage Grant awarded in the amount of \$10,000.00 and to be used on projects by April 30, 2009. This is a matching fund grant and will be used on the Melby-Rogness House to be completed by the above date in four phases: Installation of water and septic system, installation of traditional style combination storm windows, installation of spindles and rail for front porch and development and installation of exhibits and décor. They will continue their long-range vision and planning.

**Building and Grounds Division:** Wanda mentioned that the new signage for the parking and Museum may be installed this fall. Also Mark Faul will install the septic system in October.

**Museum Report:** Pam's report included the volunteer hours, places from which our visitors came and a listing of the artifact contributions. Pam does a great job at keeping the artifacts cataloged and knowing where things are found. We will wait until our next meeting to see if we need to stay open until October 15 because of Høstfest. There was some mention that Høstfest may be held in September next year.

**Museum Director's Report:** Wanda reported on the general happenings and progress around Manfred. She made a motion to consider purchasing DVD equipment and software to enable MHP to produce their own DVD's at an estimated cost of \$250.00; Gwyn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Wanda will continue to investigate what is available and prices for what is needed. In another matter, Laverne made a motion to open the Melby-Rogness Museum house to the Manfred Township Board. Ruth seconded; motion carried.

**Historian's Report:** Audrey summarized some of the projects that she works on from year to year: such as recording our history on schools, biographies, businesses, mailing list updates, just to name a few. It is so amazing that we have a great bank of talented people in MHP and that each fills a niche. Each person can find a place and a job to use the talent they possess. Thanks to everyone who has helped in any way.

**Other Business:** Rose wants to give MHP, Inc. the old secretary's minutes of Sons of Norway. We accepted them. Rose also wants to transfer her property that is located east across from the Museum. We also accepted the property and thanked her for her generosity.

Tentative date for spring meeting is Sunday, April 27, 2008 at Vang Lutheran Church.

We adjourned and the Corporate Division served lunch.

Secretary

Esther Boese