

**MANFRED HISTORY AND PRESERVATION, INC. MEETING  
APRIL 27, 2008 - 1:30 P.M. – VANG LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Attending meeting:**

Board Members:

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

Others:

Wesley Boese  
Gwyn Herman  
Pamela Norstedt  
Judy Weigelt  
Lewis Weigelt

**Call to order:** Audrey called the meeting to order. Seven board members and five others answered roll call. All present were given a written agenda, secretary and treasurers reports, contribution, endowment report and a 2007 annual narrative report; all division reports for corporate, education, building and grounds, and museum were also included. Museum Director and Historian each had a written report as well..

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Wanda motioned to accept the written financial reports; Judy seconded. Motion carried. The March 31, 2008 balance in checking account was \$8,881.39; and savings was \$7,364.17.

**Contributions:** Verna reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter income was \$1,150.00 for the general fund and \$140.00 added to the endowment through contributions.

**2007 Review of MHP, Inc. and Manfred Heritage Museum:** We viewed all the pictures and the happenings of the past year in the annual report.

**Corporate Division:** Laverne reported on the progress of the water project and installation of storm windows at the museum. Other projects of the spindles on the porch and exhibits will be completed by April 2009.

**Education Division:** Gwyn reported on the planned fair booth for the Wells County Fair. The theme will be "Manfred Grade School". The booth will be put up June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Wanda had us each sign our name to thank you cards to be sent to the workers on the plumbing and installation of the water system. May 31st is our

clean up day in Manfred. A workshop for the museum help will be on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Audrey will help us to understand the museum equipment and how to operate it.

Gwyn made a motion to collect \$50.00 each from the five entities (MPH, Inc., Andersons, Ostrem, Audrey's-station, RVA –hotel lot) for gas and oil for the mowers that Esther and Wesley will be using for the mowers. Wesley will keep the \$250.00 and be responsible for purchasing the fuel. Pam seconded. Motion carried. We will have an extra mower that belonged to Herbert Ongstad. This mower too will be used on the above properties.

**Museum:** Pam alerted us to a field trip by Ted Sitz and his Tech class from Harvey High School on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. They will be at the museum and will bring the scanned photos from the Burkum Slide Collection which has been placed on a CD for the Museum. Laverne made a motion to give them a donation of \$200.00 for their work; seconded by Verna. Motion carried. Pam was authorized to get an inexpensive or free tree to be planted in the Centennial Park in Harvey. There was also a motion for Wanda to put an ad in the Herald Press for a sink and other items for the kitchen. Laverne made the motion and Gwyn seconded. Motion carried.

**Museum Directors Report:** Wanda gave a tribute to Herbert Ongstad and others shared memories of times spent with Herb. We will all miss him. Pete showed us the rocking chair that Wanda found in the hotel. Pete and Perry refinished and covered the rocking chair that belonged to Nennie Johnson. A beautiful job of restoration was done.

Wanda mentioned that the Newsletter would possibly be ready for folding and sending near the last week of May.

**Historian Report:** Audrey mentioned that collecting history is very interesting for her.

**Election of Officers:** Audrey asked that the present officers keep their jobs. After calling three times for any additional names, Gwyn made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for the present slate of officers; Pam seconded. Motion carried.

Wanda, Ruth and Pam were nominated as directors for next 3 years. Approved by all present. Wanda made a motion to give \$25.00 to Harvey Community Foundation. Ruth seconded. Motion carried.

Laverne made a motion that MHP pay the telephone bill starting now with the hook-up. Pam seconded. Carried.

We will be notified when the July meeting will be held after we check calendars.

We adjourned and the Museum Division served lunch.

Secretary,  
Esther Boese