

# MANFRED HISTORY AND PRESERVATION, INC.

## MINUTES OF THE JULY 16, 2017 MEETING

### Attending Meeting:

Verna Bowers

Richard Melchert

Jon Fehr

Pam Norstedt

Jamie Schindler

Francis Fehr

Audrey Solheim

Wesley Gross

Wanda Melchert

**Call to order:** Audrey Solheim called the meeting to order with roll call being taken. Seven board members and members were in attendance. A copy of the following reports were given to each attendee: minutes of April 30, 2017 meeting, the fiscal 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2017 report, newsletter and contribution report,

**Secretary's Report:** Printed copy of the April 30, 2017 minutes was reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Pam Norstedt and seconded by Verna Bowers. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Richard Melchert reported on the 2017 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter which had a beginning balance of \$3,355.04. Income was \$855.00. \$10,000.00 had been transferred from savings to checking. Beginning balance, plus 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter income and the transfer totaled \$14,210.04. Expenses totaled \$10,162.64. \$1,510.00 had been transferred to Edward Jones. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Expenses plus the Edward Jones transfer totaled \$11,672.64. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter ending balance was \$2,537.40. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Verna Bowers and seconded by Pam Norstedt. Motion carried.

**Newsletter and Contributions Report:** Wanda Melchert reported a total of 122 paid subscriptions since January 1, 2017. Total year-to-date general contributions is \$5,350.00.

**Edward Jones Invested Funds Report:** Audrey Solheim presented a report for the Edward Jones Invested Funds. \$1,510.00 was deposited during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter with a balance on June 30, 2017 of \$13,111.51.

**Director's Report:** Wanda Melchert reviewed the North Dakota Museum Assessment Program (NDMAP) grant just completed. The merger is in process and the outdoor interpretive panels were installed on June 14<sup>th</sup>. A Master Plan, developed by Aaron Novodvorsky with assistance from the Assessment Team has been received ready to begin implementing.

Recent MHP, Inc. activities included: Wells County Fair Parade on June 24<sup>th</sup> of two cars with the magnetic signs and Pam Norstedt and Wanda Melchert walking the parade wearing their Norwegian attire; Wells County Fair booth featuring the outdoor interpretive panels; Harvey 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade with two cars with the magnetic signs; skit presentation on July 10<sup>th</sup> to the Christian Women of Harvey with participants Kathy Alveshere, Bev Held, Marlene Ripplinger, and Wanda Melchert; Cemetery Marker Preservation Workshop at Vang Cemetery on July 15<sup>th</sup> with participants Pam Seibold representing three cemeteries and Ivy Brye representing Bethania Lutheran Free Cemetery, together with Verna Bowers, Pam Norstedt, and Wanda and Richard Melchert. Together with excellent progress on cleaning the markers, featured was the reinstallation of the ceramic photos for the Kari Gilbertson and Steiner Aasand markers.

There were 48 visitors April through July 11. The urgent needs brought forward through the NDMAP grant include expanding the volunteer base, secure people for leadership, continue outreach including word-of-mouth and implementing plans to help with outreach, begin planning for Rest stop/camping to enable accommodation of larger groups.

### Historian's Report

Audrey Solheim reported on Knut and Kari Rogne Gilbertson and that they had purchased the hotel from Nennie Johnson in 1908. They had four children who attended Manfred School, three born in WI and one in ND. Kari contracted tuberculosis soon after their move to Manfred and died October 22, 1911 at age 47. The children all died young as well. George worked in the Manfred area for a time and married. He died at age 41 at Denver CO. Emil died at age 20 of scarlet fever. Bernet contracted tuberculosis and died at age 30. Clarence was killed in a farm accident north of Manfred at age 12.

### Motions

#### Mission Statement

Mission Statement was revised. Motion to approve the revised Mission Statement was made by Pam Norstedt and seconded by Jon Fehr. After final revision, the new Mission Statement has been included on the new printing of the brochure.

**Revision of Bylaws:** Having studied the revision of the Bylaws, the motion to approve the revised Bylaws was made by Pam Norstedt and seconded by Francis Fehr. The revised Bylaws will replace the former Bylaws.

#### Unfinished Business:

**Student:** Although approved at the October 2016 MHP, Inc. meeting for two students, one for 2017 and one for 2018, we were unable to obtain funding from the Commerce Department for 2017; but we will try to obtain one or two students for 2018.

**Smart Phone for Manfred:** A smart phone is yet to obtain for Manfred.

**Reprinting of the Manfred brochure:** Reprinting will be done as soon as the new Mission Statement is added.

**Merger of Nonprofit Organizations:** The Certificates of Merger documents have been received from the Secretary of State. The next step is to have legal documents drawn up by Ted Seibel needed by the Wells County Recorder's office in order to transfer the properties.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting is planned for October 1, 2017 at 1:45 p.m. at the Melby-Rogness House in Manfred.

**Adjournment:** Audrey Solheim adjourned the meeting. Lunch followed adjournment.

Judy Weigelt, Secretary  
Prepared by Wanda Melchert



L/R:  
Verna Bowers  
Richard Melchert  
Wanda Melchert  
Pam Norstedt  
Audrey Solheim  
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Jon Fehr

Gathered for July 16, 2017 MHP, Inc. meeting