

Manfred History and Preservation, Inc.

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Manfred History and Preservation, Inc. (MHP, Inc.), a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, was founded July 25, 2000 for the purpose to gather, organize, and share the history of Manfred, ND and its traditional trade area, and to encourage preservation of its historic buildings and community pride.

Manfred Heritage Museum, a function of Manfred History and Preservation, Inc., is dedicated to provide present and future generations the opportunity to learn about the important contributions rural places such as Manfred have given to North Dakota and to America.

Meeting of April 4, 2004

Call to Order and Welcome - Wanda Melchert
Secretary's Report - Ruth Widiger
Treasurer's Report - Ruth Widiger
Contribution Report - Verna Bowers
Correspondence
History Periodicals-Round Robin

Old Business:

- *March 8th meeting planned in order to develop bylaws for MHP, Inc. with the guidance of Dale Bentley, Darrel Van Hall, and Veronica Miller was postponed due to a winter storm.
- *National Registers for Bank-P.O. and Johnson-Ostrem House – yet in the future.

Current Activities:

- *2004 Grant sponsored by the North Dakota Legislature and State Historical Society. Submitted April 1, 2004.
Purpose of grant: To catalog the Collections received so far for the Manfred Heritage Museum, and as time permits to begin planning and development of exhibits.
 - Idea of grant proposal encouraged by Claudia Berg, Director of Museum and Education of State Historical Society.
 - Grants to be awarded May 1, 2004 when a contract will be drawn up, and ½ of grant money will be distributed.
Remainder of grant will be paid after submission of the final report. A progress report is due November 1, 2004, with final report due May 1, 2005. An on-site visit will be conducted by Society staff at the completion of the project
 - Danielle Stuckle, Summer Intern – Housing. Welcome. Can begin May 31.
- *Manfred Newsletter Vol 1, Issue 1 – distribute in May
- *Functioning of Manfred Heritage Museum - Staffed with Open hours – Fly flag. Folding stand. Donation jar.
- *Brochure currently available at Heritage Center and Harvey Chamber – Upcoming distribution to rest stops.

Upcoming Work Activity

- *Melby-Rogness House
 - Interior – Freshen up interior and redecorate
 - Exterior – Gutters and downspouts.
 - Basement – Projects on northwest corner with Paul Gunderson.
 - Garages, particularly small garage – Ascertain needs regarding repair work.
- *Related activity
 - Obtain items – move safe and stove from Adolph Shirley's place.

Clean up Days

***Other Upcoming Projects in Manfred:**

Service Station – Roofing and repair by John Bolin

Cash Store – Roofing and repair by John Bolin

Bank-Post Office – Roof of lean-to by Greg Seidel

Nennie Johnson-Lars Ostrem House – Roofing and repair by Greg Seidel

Hotel and Lena Anderson House – Removing tin. Take down by Mark Faul

Culverts – with Mark Faul

Manfred School – Repair chimney

Vang Parsonage – Porch roof by Bridget Harkness and family

Vang Church privy – Clean out by Curtin Lamm

Other: Wells County Fair booth and parade.

Next meeting date: _____

Thank you so much for attending the meeting today.

Together we are making a difference for Manfred and for the history of the area.

All are welcome and needed. Invite someone to come.