

MANDAN Historical Society
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Board of Directors Meeting – Mandan Hardee's
October 12, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 pm by President Bryen Birkholz.

Attendees: President Bryen Birkholz, Vice-President (Programming) Kathleen Spilman, Treasurer Bill Engelter, Directors Wilbert Aldof, Eldo Johnson and Bill Schott.

Absent: Mary Harris; Vice President (Membership) George Reichman.

Board Vacancies – Nominating Committee:

Richard Baron's recent death leaves three vacant Director positions. Kathye Spilman indicated she had spoken to Sharon Huettl who agreed to serve on the Board if appointed for the duration of Mr. Baron's position. After discussion, Kathye moved to appoint Ms. Huettl to the Board and was seconded by Bill Schott. Motion approved.

Bryen reported on his approach of both Susan Huntington and Becky Mushik Roesler to fill other Director openings prompted with the resignation earlier this year by Jeff Wachter and Susan Beehler. Wilbert Adolph has also indicated he will not seek re-election to the Board this fall. Vice President Spilman also indicated she would be willing to step down if someone new wished to serve as Vice-President Programming. Bill Schott and George Reichmann both indicated they would seek re-election.

Bill Engelter indicated he had spoken to Jeanette Holm and she would be willing to rejoin the Board this fall as Secretary.

Kathye will follow-up with both Susan and Becky to confirm their willingness to serve on the Board. Eldo Johnson from this years nominating committee also suggested Vern Davis as a potential Board Members. Board candidates will be announced by a member of the Nominating Committee at the annual meeting. Members can also place their name into consideration by formally submitting it to the Board at least 21 days in advance of the annual meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

Secretary's Report:

No minutes were available for review. Kathye Spilman volunteered to prepare the meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Nanette Baron stopped by the Board meeting to drop off \$120 in donations contributed on behalf of her father Dick Baron. She indicated that there may be a second dispersement in a few weeks after all the contributions had been received. At Kathye

Spilman's request, she will make arrangements for the photos used in the funeral brochure to be provided to the Society for use on a Legacy Program biography including posting on the Society's website.

Treasurer Bill Engelter presented a prepared report on expenditures and current account balance of \$883.70 with a pending pass through bill to the Heritage Home Tour Project with the City of Mandan for services from M-Squared of approximately \$230. Kathye Spilman moved to accept the Treasurer's report which was seconded by Bill Schott. Motion approved.

Vice President-Membership's Report

No membership report was available.

Vice President-Programming's Report

The Mandan Moose Club has been reserved for November 8 for the Annual Membership Meeting. They can serve a roast beef dinner for approximately \$8.75 per place. She suggested a \$10 per plate charge to allow for an appropriate service tip which received consensus approval from those present. A program has not been finalized and is soliciting suggestions. Cathy Langemo with her new book on historic photos of Mandan was suggested. Vice President Spilman will contact her.

She also distributed a draft Fall 08 Society Page newsletter for review and comment.. Main article announces the annual meeting. It also announces the move to the NP Beanery Building. She also indicated she would be willing to chair a committee to coordinate a "Jeopardy" fundraiser expected to be scheduled in conjunction with the 2008 Mandan Winter Daze in January.

Kathye indicated that the Library Community Room was reserved for the Society's use on the fourth Thursday through the end of the year. It was suggested that the monthly membership meeting could be held in the future at the Beanery Building but that the room should be reserved for the next year as a contingency. Vice President Spilman is to reserve the meeting room for 2008.

Building and Ground's Committee Report

The Society has been offers to move into the Beanery Building and share the space with the Mandan Progress Organization (MPO) and the Fort Lincoln Foundation (FLF). The City charged the previous tenant's \$400 per month and is expecting approximately that amount to be shared among the three organizations. The FLF had already started to move items into the space. The former City Attorney Sharon Gallagher has left multiple items at the site available for use. An office will need to be set aside for use by the MPO Executive Director. Bill Schott moved to accept the offer and move the offices and museum of the Mandan Historical Society to the Beanery building shared space with the FLF and MPO. Eldo Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed. Bill Engelter will formally give the Lewis and Clark Building management the 30-day notice of the pending move effective November 30.

Volunteers will need to be coordinated to assist with the move. The newspaper collection is probably the biggest challenge.

Discussion ensued about a name for the museum. After subsequent discussion, any decision on a name for the museum will be tabled indefinitely however it was agreed in principal that naming opportunities should be offered for significant contributors of museum “galleries” or special collections.

Hope was also expressed that the move to the Beanery Building and the publicity and community impact associated with the move to a larger facility would stimulate public involvement and adds to the Society’s membership base. A suggestion for the October monthly membership meeting was made to bring representatives from all three organizations to discuss a plan of action for use of the building. Vice President Spilman will submit a newspaper article outlining the program. Bryen will coordinate the speakers for the October 25 meeting.

Nominating Committee Report:

No minutes were available for review. Kathye Spilman volunteered to prepare the meeting minutes.

Grant Committee

Kathye Spilman reported that due to an incorrect address, the Society’s SHSND Cultural Grant application was returned and there was not enough time to resubmit the application. Bill Schott thought there would be other opportunities to apply for the grant.

Bylaws Committee

No pending actions.

New Business

A letter signed by President Birkholz has been sent to the City of Mandan requesting access to do an inventory of historically significant items in the First Street Federal Building (former City Library Building) prior to its demolition.

Next Meeting Scheduled:

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Tuesday November 6, 2007 at the Mandan Hardees’ at noon.

Move to adjourn made and seconded and approved by voice vote at 12:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted October 13, 2007

Kathleen Spilman
Vice President (Programming)

Approved: December 2, 2007

Mandan Historical Society
Treasury Report

10-12-07

Balance 7-25-07 434.86

Deposits:

7-27-07

Subs Bureau 125
Mans Hours 125
State Historical Society 1700

1950.00

9-07

City of Mandan. Heritage Home
Tour

1934.62

4319.48

Bills Paid:

7-27 # 1103 Brownstones ³² 95.60
7-27 # 1104 Dakota Fire Station 13.00
7-27 # 1105 Museum Association 250.00
7-27 # 1106 Acuity Insurance 405.00
9-11 # 1107 LHC Bentley Fund 275.00
9-11 # 1108 Quest 143.60
9-21 # 1109 3rd Square 1934.62
9-27 # 1110 LHC Building 275.00
10-8 # 1111 Quest 43.96

3435.78

Balance 10-12-07

\$ 883.70
