

MANDAN Historical Society



Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday January 9, 2019

Location: Keitu Engineers & Consultants Conference Room at 1403 27th St NW, Mandan

Present: President Bob Porter, Vice President Walt Russell, Secretary Kathye Spilman, Treasurer Bill Engelter, MHSoc Directors Bob Barr and Joel Winckler (via conference phone).

Absent: None

Meeting called to order by President Porter at 5:00 p.m. Quorum was present.

Officers' Reports

Secretary's Report: Minutes from October 2018 meeting were presented. Motion to approve was made, seconded and approved without corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Current bank balance remains at \$30,069.28. The ND Pottery Collectors Association grant balance stands at \$0. A \$10 bill for the annual fee to file the annual report with the ND Secretary of State was presented. Motion to approve payment was made, seconded and approved.

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report. Seconded and carried via voice.

Committee Reports

Nomination Committee: All noted with sincere sadness the passing of Director Patricia Tostevin in December 2018. Both Jim and Pat Tostevin were longtime and significant supporters of the Society. President Porter suggested the Society send a note of condolence to the family. He will track down the address for the family and purchase an appropriate sympathy card for the purpose. Bob and Kathye will coordinate getting the card sent out.

Her death leaves open a position on the Board of Directors. Under current bylaws, the President can appoint a member to fill the position until the next General Membership meeting. The names of two local women were offered for consideration. Secretary Spilman will contact each to gauge their interest in serving on the Board. If both are interested, Treasurer Engelter offered to resign from the Board until the next General Membership Meeting.

Membership Committee: Nothing to report.

Buildings & Grounds Committee: Bill Engelter between early November winter weather and the contractor's health issues, the foundation for the new shared building at the ND Railroad

Museum has not been started. Targeted opening for the new facility is now Sunday August 25 i.e. "Railroad Days" at the museum rather than July 4

Communication & Public Relations Committee: Two additional local homeowners have expressed interest in qualifying for a heritage home designation. Responses sent on limits of the prior grant. Offers extended to join the society and spearhead resurrection of the program.

Donations & Acquisitions Committee: President Porter reported the Tostevin family is still committed to getting the Society's museum up and running and offered items including glass plate photos. He is expecting to travel out to Washington State to assist with the inventorying of items. Kathy indicated she believed she had filed the eMail listing items Pat intended to donate.

President Porter suggested the addition of a photo of Jim and Pat Tostevin over the dedication plaque in the soon to be built museum. Motion was made, seconded and approved via voice. Bob will contact the family to obtain a suitable photograph for the purpose.

Endowment Committee: Nothing new to report.

Grant Committee: Nothing to report.

Old Business

BNSF Railroad Bridge Project: Kathy Spilman reported historical consultation meetings with the BNSF railroad to replace the current Missouri River rail bridge continue. The last meeting was cancelled at BNSF's request as they are apparently preparing a counter proposal. The recent newspaper article outlining the Bismarck mayor's vision to develop a riverfront recreational area incorporating major sections of the bridge was discussed at some length.

Morton County Historical Society: Bob and Kathy attended the meeting in October and applied formally to be part of the county level society. The initial annual funding of \$600 (10% of funding earmarked for "Mandan" organizations) was tentatively approved.

New Business

Bill Engelter proposed a joint effort between the ND State Railroad Museum, Dakota Lions (sponsor of the adjacent park) and the MHSoc to host a pancake breakfast fundraiser during Railroad Days. While the Board members seemed generally supportable of the concept, Secretary Spilman cautioned against over-committing limited resources of the Society. Her preference would be to assure enough support to staff the new museum space first. Further review and action tabled.

Next Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for Wednesday April 24, 2019 at 5 p.m. at the Conference Room at Keitu Engineers & Consultants, Inc.

Motion to adjourn at 5:54 p.m. made, seconded and approved via voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathye Spilman
Secretary

Approved: TBD