

MANDAN Historical Society



Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday October 17, 2018

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

Present: President Robert Porter, Vice President Walt Russell, Secretary Kathye Spilman, Treasurer William Engelter, MHSoc Directors Patricia Tostevin (via conference phone) and Joel Winckler.

Absent: Bob Barr

Meeting called to order by President Porter at 5:15 p.m. Quorum was present.

Officers' Reports

Secretary's Report: Minutes from August 2018 meeting were presented. Motion to approve was made, seconded and approved with one typo and one motion correction.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Engelter review recent activity including a \$100 donation from the local Westerners' Chapter and \$25 membership dues from Laine Pope. Current bank balance is \$30,069.28.

No bills were presented for payment. The ND Pottery Collectors Association grant balance stands at \$0.

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

Committee Reports

Nomination Committee: No report.

Membership Committee: Laine Pope sent in an membership application and fees. Kathye hoped to work with her office staff to send out renewal notices to members before year end.

Pat Tostevin volunteered to assist interested parties with genealogy related inquiries. It was noted the Bismarck Mandan Genealogy and Historical Society disbanded in July 2017 and the MHSoc has seen a recent surge in genealogy-related questions.

Buildings & Grounds Committee: Bill Engelter reported the building permit for the new building at the ND State Railroad Museum grounds was issued earlier that day. The hope is that the foundation and framing would be complete by end of April 2019. The Board of Directors' expressed its sincere appreciation again for the generous donation from the Tostevin Family.

Communication & Public Relations Committee: No report.

Donations & Acquisitions Committee: Nothing new to report.

Endowment Committee: Nothing new to report.

Grant Committee: Nothing to report.

Old Business

BNSF Railroad Bridge Project: Kathy Spilman reported historical consultation meetings held with the BNSF railroad to replace the current Missouri River rail bridge continue. The citizen's group is in the process of holding outreach meetings with area stakeholders to gather support. Kathy attended on of these meeting. The group's consultant reported a very wide range in levels of support to repurpose the bridge which seem to correlate to the respondent's location i.e. Bismarck with high support verses Mandan-area residents expressing low levels of support.

New Business

Bill Engelter reported the annual meeting of the Morton County Historical Society will be held on Friday October 26 in New Salem. He proposed the MHSoc formally join the county organization and request some of the county's tax dollars earmarked for historical purposes. President Porter and Secretary Spilman are to attend the meeting with a letter requesting an annual stipend of \$600 (i.e. 10% of "Mandan's" share of the annual funding) to start with. Joining the organization will also subject the MHSoc to the stipulations outlined in county ordinances and state law and require the Society to take its turn hosting/sponsoring events.

After discussion, the motion to proceed as proposed was made, seconded and approved via voice. Kathy will draft the letter and run it by both Bill and Bob before the meeting.

Next Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for Wednesday January 9, 2019 at 5 p.m. at the Conference Room at Keitu Engineers & Consultants, Inc.

Motion to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. made, seconded and approved via voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Spilman
Secretary

Approved: January 9, 2019