

MANDAN Historical Society



Board of Directors Meeting

December 4, 2021

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

Present: President Porter, Secretary Spilman, Directors Joel Winckler & Sharon Huettl

Absent: Vice President Walt Russell, Treasurer Bill Engelter, Directors Bob Barr & Laine Pope

The meeting was called to order by President Porter at 10:01 a.m. Quorum was present.

Officers' Reports

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the September 2021 meeting were offered. Motion to approve minutes approved via voice vote with one change.

Treasurer's Report: Report from Treasurer Engelter read. Current bank account at \$13,051.88. The \$30 dues received from 2 new memberships deposited. Report accepted via voice vote.

Bill's presented were pending \$10 filing fee for the annual report to the ND Secretary of State and a receipt for \$26.20 for the shipping supplies for the newspaper digitization project. Both bills approved for payment via voice vote. Final invoice and payment for museum construction and furnishing expenses and the \$10 annual report fee is still pending.

Other Directors' Reports: None offered.

Committee Reports

Ad Hoc Project Committee – Newspapers Digitalization:

- First set of Mandan Pioneer Newspapers (unbound, donated by Mary Harris) already enroute to Newspapers.com
- Several free subscriptions to Newspapers.com to MHSoc awarded per Liz Bell
- Several volunteers available to help package for shipment bound copies in storage; expect to schedule effort in next 2 weeks
- Will destroy newspapers returned post scanning unless a new storage location found.
- Liz Bell from Newspapers.com said to expect all scans complete in 8-12 months.

Buildings & Grounds Committee

- Bob Porter reported the cornerstone from the former Post Office / Library has been moved to the north fence line.
- The Hebron Brick Company will donate up to 100 bricks for a plinth to mount the USGS benchmark from that building as part of the display.
- Landscape foliage and an information panel are expected to be added next Spring.

Communication & Public Relations Committee

- President Porter and Secretary Spilman represented the Society at the October 16 Morton County Historical Society meeting in Hebron
- The Vice President of the Hebron Brick Company, who made a presentation on the history and operation of the plant. Agreed to donate bricks for cornerstone display.
- Secretary Spilman volunteered to send a new Legacy Biography to Mandan News to publish on or near February 23 i.e. Mandan's City Charter Day

Donations & Acquisitions Committee

- No report

Endowment Fund Committee

- Current balance at \$9,493.84
- \$350 dispersed in 2021 earmarked for website hosting expense and First Street Federal Building (Old Post Office) display
- Expect 2022 disbursement to fund website and First Street Federal Building display

Grant Committee

- Expect a grant request to the Mandan Visitor Fund for next August "History Harvest" tentatively scheduled for August 7, 2022

Heritage Home Committee

- No progress to report on efforts to re-sign the current homes

Membership Committee

- Bob Porter offered to spearhead the effort after the first of the year. Kathye Spilman offered printer services and paper for forms and letters.
- Effort to incorporate online membership renewal via the website remains on hold pending a volunteer to coordinate the effort.

Nomination Committee

- No report

Old Business

- BNSF Bridge Replacement Mitigation – Secretary Spilman reported on October teleconference. SHSND assisted with squashing US Dept of Interior certified historian oversight requirement for all items. Estimated costs for proposed displays associated with salvaged of pieces of bridge came in very high and likely will need to be reworked to have chance at being included. Permit from US Coast Guard expected in April 2022 to build new bridge with approval to demolish existing bridge. Total planned costs to BNSF to fund mitigation remains at \$500,000. Next video conference scheduled December 7.
- Mandan Middle School Bell Display – Tabled
- CCC Chimney Signage Project – Tabled

New Business

President Porter volunteered to do some research for a non-member at SHSND. \$10 honorarium deposited to bank account.

Next Meeting: March 5 at 10:00 am at Keitu Engineers Conference Room at 1403 27th St NW
in Mandan (tentative)

Motion to adjourn at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathye Spilman
Secretary

Approved: TBD