

MANDAN Historical Society



Board of Directors Meeting

May 14, 2022

Location: Mandan Historical Society Museum, 3827 30th Avenue NW, Mandan

Present: President Porter, Secretary Spilman, Treasurer Engelter, Director Huettl

Absent: Vice President Walt Russell and Directors Joel Winckler and Laine Pope

The meeting was called to order by President Porter at 10:03 a.m. Quorum was present.

Officers' Reports

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the March 2021 meeting. Motion to approve minutes via voice vote made with three changes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer reported April 2022 balance of \$16,763.18. Director Huettl reported the need for additional strapping tape to finish packing the newspapers. Motion made and seconded for reimbursement for the needed supplies. Motion approved via voice vote.

Other Directors' Reports: None offered.

Committee Reports

Ad Hoc Project Committee – Newspapers Digitalization:

- Boxes have arrived to ship remaining Mandan Pioneers to Newspapers.com
- First set not yet scanned and returned
- Will destroy newspapers returned post scanning unless a new storage location found

Buildings & Grounds Committee

- Donated brick pickup delayed by April blizzards for Cornerstone Display.
- First Street Federal Building Benchmark located and stored temporarily in lighted case
- Peonies would likely be offered from extra plants at Union Cemetery by its staff
- Outdoor display board Cornerstone Display arrived and in storage.
- Solicitation in progress to staff museum with volunteers this season in progress.

Bylaws Committee

- Several revisions to the Society's Bylaws were offered to reflect operation of local museum verses outreach programs to the community and smaller active membership
 - Updating Board meeting schedule to quarterly rather than monthly
 - Elimination of the Vice President – Programing position
 - Adjust composition of the Ballot Committee due to smaller Board of Directors
 - Eliminated most segregation of duties for Executive Committee vs Board's role
 - General membership meetings made "subject to call" rather than annual
- Subsequent discussion by Board identified several other changes
- Motion to accept final revision version to bylaws made and seconded. Rollcall vote conducted. All Directors voted to approve. No abstentions. Motion passed.

Communication & Public Relations Committee

- Former member offered to administer a new Facebook page for the Society.
- Subsequent Board discussion cited conflict with existing webpage/webpage and hesitation over abuse of social media accounts verses established mission of the Society.

Donations & Acquisitions Committee

- No report offered

Endowment Fund Committee

- The 2020 disbursement (\$665) has been received and deposited in bank.
- No additional contributions YTD reported for 2022 to the Endowment Fund.

Grant Committee

- Three annual Visitor Fund grant requests submitted
 - “History Harvest” Sunday August 7
 - “Flashlight Tour of Union Cemetery” Saturday October 27
 - “A Heart Like Water” movie showing at Mandan High auditorium TBD Fall 2022
- Grant awards will not be announced until early June

Heritage Home Committee

- No report available

Membership Committee

- Membership Committee report including breakdown by membership type reviewed.
- Membership down 18% in the past year
- Total membership fees collected in the past 12 months was was \$1390 plus an extra \$650 donation from Greg Childs in addition to his life membership fee.
- One additional individual was offered as a suggestion to approach as a member
- Effort to incorporate online membership renewal via the website remains on hold pending a volunteer to coordinate the effort.

Nomination Committee

- Two current members were approached to fill the opening on the Board. No response from either individual.

Old Business

- BNSF Bridge Replacement Mitigation – Permit from US Coast Guard is on hold due to bridge ownership challenge from the “Friends of the Bridge.” Possible court action.
- CCC Chimney Signage Project – Mandan Parks & Rec staff on behalf of the Mandan Baseball Club inquired about moving the current CCC Chimney as part of an improvement project. Referred staff to ND SHPO for further consultation. Society would support its relocation if the structure was moved intact to a new location along the perimeter of the park and enhanced with landscaping, foliage and the addition of two or more informational panels to better tell its story. The Society would assist with development of the informational panels and offer access to its records on the topic.

New Business

- None offered.

Director Resignation

A resignation letter was received from Joel Winckler as a Mandan Historical Society Director. He also left his set of keys and the Heritage Home project files at the museum. President Porter accepted his resignation with regret and offered the Society's gratitude for his many contributions to the organization.

Next Meeting: September 17 at 10:00 am at the Mandan Historical Society Museum at 3827 30th Ave NW; in Mandan

Motion to adjourn at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathye Spilman
Secretary

Approved: TBD