

MANDAN Historical Society



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2023

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

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

Absent: Vice President Walt Russell, Directors Huettl and Willoughby

The meeting was called to order by President Porter at 10:05 a.m. Quorum was present.

Officers' Reports

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the May 13, 2023, meeting were not available as the meeting did not have a enough Directors in attendance to have a quorum. Minutes for the Special Meeting held on April 5 were approved via voice vote with 3 minor corrections. Minutes for the March 4 meeting were presented. Motion made to approve minutes. Motion passed via voice vote with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's reports from March & April provided. Cashbox receipts from 2023 season was \$74. Checking balance \$17,440.59. Vice president Spilman pointed out that the totals for the Archiving Directed Grant and the outstanding balance accounts payable for the museum construction were not broken out. Motion to accept the report with exceptions noted passed via voice vote without dissent.

Approve Bills for Payment: Five months of rental at \$110 a month for returned newspaper storage presented and paid per prior Board of Directors approval.

Other Directors' Reports: None offered.

Committee Reports

Ad Hoc Project Committee – Newspapers Digitalization:

- Mandan Pioneer paper digitation project continues. Returned 24 of 67 books of hard copies are arriving one pallet at a time. Current hardcopies are being stored in west half of joint NDSRR Museum / MHSoc building.
- Discussion of purchase of a used shipping container i.e. CONEX box. Director Pope reported \$3800 for used multi-trip box or \$4000 for single-trip box, including delivery and spotting at site. Engelter reported NDSRR Museum would offer ground area for a CONEX box, free of charge. Spilman asked for proposed funding source for purchase and cautioned that City of Mandan had previously established ordinances for CONEX boxes that included setback from property line that should be investigated. Pope indicated she would check with the City. Further action tabled.
- Mandan News/Morton County Report editions surplus from SHSND have been boxed (10) and remain ready for shipment in indoor storage at Director Huettl's home.

Bylaws Committee

- No report

Buildings & Grounds Committee

- First St Federal Building Cornerstone Display - No progress made this quarter

Communication & Public Relations Committee

- Multiple assistance provided from email inquiries.

Donations & Acquisitions Committee

- No report available

Endowment Fund Committee

- No disbursement expected this year due to poor fund investment performance

Grant Committee

- Spilman reported that the \$69,500 grant request for video development project as part of the BNSF “High Bridge” mitigation effort. Work to begin after Thanksgiving. Quantum Digital will provide production and post-production support.

Heritage Home Committee

- Request from City to proceed with ND Community Grant application failed due to lack of member volunteer to spearhead effort.

Membership Committee

- No additional memberships.

Museum Operation Committee

- Third season of operation was complete. The Board extended its appreciation to Bob Porter who largely staffed the museum’s “weekend only” schedule himself

Nomination Committee

- President Porter appointed Melanie Willoughby to the Board.

Old Business

- BNSF Bridge Replacement - Construction Started. Court challenges continue

New Business

- Northern Sky Wireless offers wireless internet at the museum. Bill Engelter coordinating.

Next Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for Thursday December 7, 2023, 10:30 am at the Morton Mandan Library assuming no fee for room. Note new scheduled time and place.

Motion to adjourn at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathye Spilman

Secretary

Approved: December 9, 2024