

MANDAN Historical Society



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2023

Location: Keitu Engineers & Consultants, Inc. Conference Room, 1411 27th St NW, Mandan (Meeting was moved to new date, place and time by President Porter due to fees charged at library.)

Present: President Porter, Secretary Spilman, Directors Pope & Willoughby (tele-commuting)

Absent: Vice President Walt Russell, Treasurer Engelter, Director Huettl

The meeting was called to order by President Porter at 10:13 a.m. Quorum was present.

Officers' Reports

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the September 15, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Motion made, seconded and approved via voice vote with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer was not present; but President reported on his behalf that the current checking account balance is \$16871.30. Motion to accept the report passed via voice vote without dissent.

Approve Bills for Payment: Secretary Spilman asked that the Board pre-approve the \$10 expenditure for the annual report fee to the North Dakota Secretary of State. Motion to approve the payment passed via voice vote without dissent.

Other Directors' Reports: None offered.

Committee Reports

Ad Hoc Project Committee – Newspapers Digitalization:

- Last pallet of returned hardcopies (23 books) to arrive Thursday December 14. To be moved through the east building door for interim storage in the museum building. Currently being stored in west half of joint NDSRR Museum / MHSoc building.
- Pope reported another CONEX supplier has offered a container for \$2800.
- Spilman offered to provide a list grant sources and applicable application deadlines. Pope responded she would leave funding sources to Bill Engelter since he knew the available *grant and funding sources*.
- Pope confirmed she had spoke with the City of Mandan representatives and they indicated they did not foresee a problem with spotting a container at the museum site. It was also suggested that the container might offer an opportunity for a mural. All present supported a mural and several sources of talent were discussed.
- Mandan News/Morton County Report editions await shipment to Newspapers.com

Bylaws Committee

- No report

Buildings & Grounds Committee

- First St Federal Building Cornerstone Display – Completion expected Spring 2024

Communication & Public Relations Committee

- Multiple assistance provided from email inquiries.

Donations & Acquisitions Committee

- Keitu Engineers donated two bookcases to the museum.
- Spilman intending to move additional MHSoc records to the museum office in Spring.

Endowment Fund Committee

- No disbursement made in 2023.
- Stock Market recovery should enable a disbursement in 2024.

Grant Committee

- Meeting held with BNSF and Quantum Digital staffs on BNSF bridge mitigation video project. Filming started. Spilman will complete story first story board in January 2023.

Heritage Home Committee

- ND History Community Grant deadline of September 30 passed for possible funding of replacement signs. A volunteer from the Society to chair the committee is still pending.

Membership Committee

- Two additional memberships (One lifetime, One Family) were received. Memberships in 2023 finished up 14% verses 2022. Possible additional promotion ideas discussed.

Museum Operation Committee

- Some rearranging to take advantage of new bookcases completed.

Nomination Committee

- Possible Board of Directors discussed. Further action tabled.

Old Business

- **BNSF Bridge Replacement** - Construction Started. Court challenges continue

New Business

- An offer of \$100 for one of the surplus copies of Morton County Roots book. Board approval requires an offer first of same to all Board members; otherwise approved sale.

Next Meeting: March 9, 2024 10:00 am at 1411 27th St NW – Riverwest Development office

Motion to adjourn at 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathye Spilman

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Secretary

Approved: March 9, 2024