

MANDAN Historical Society



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

March 9, 2023

Location: Bennigan's Restaurant, Mandan

(Meeting was moved to alternate date, place and time by President Porter)

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

Absent: Vice President Walt Russell, Directors Pope & Willoughby

The meeting was called to order by President Porter at 11:20 a.m. Quorum was present.

Officers' Reports

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the December 9, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Motion made, seconded and approved via voice vote with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Engelter presented both an end-of-year report for 2023 as well as a 2024 year-to-date report. Current checking balance is \$was not present; but President reported on his behalf that the current checking account balance is \$17221.30. Motion to accept the report passed via voice vote without dissent.

A check for \$25 for a family membership renewal from M. Engelter was presented for deposit.

Approve Bills for Payment: President Porter submitted a bill for \$30 for expenses associated with photographs of Fort Frazier for the BNSF bridge video mitigation project.

Other Directors' Reports: None offered.

Committee Reports (committees without report not noted)

Ad Hoc Project Committee – Newspapers Digitalization:

- Boxes (18) remain in Director Huettl's garage awaiting shipment to Newspapers.com fo
- Approval from the Board for the Committee to set up a "Go Fund Me" page to raise funds for a CONEX/shipping container) was reaffirmed. No page posted to date.
- Additional information compiled by Director Pope forwarded to the Secretary. Copies of all materials will be sent to all Board members

Buildings & Grounds Committee

- First St Federal Building Cornerstone Display completion expected end of Summer 2024

Communication & Public Relations Committee

- Hobby Night Display staffed at Library February 1
- Webpage addition – Landmark - Toth Indianhead
- Multiple assistance provided from email inquiries.
- Middle School Bell Display project awaits someone to chair effort

Donations & Acquisitions Committee

- President Porter asked for Director Huettl's assistance to contact high school yearbook coordinator to seek a copy of each year where a surplus copy exists.

- Secretary Spilman will remove MHSoc records previously stored in her business offices to the museum as soon as newspapers returned from Newspaper.com are relocated.

Endowment Fund Committee

- Expect a disbursement in 2024,
- Should have some funds leftover to be used for other purposes.

Grant Committee

- Mandan Visitor Committee grant closes March 31. Application not expected.

Heritage Home Committee

- A volunteer from the Society to chair the committee is still pending.

Membership Committee

- Margerett Engelter sent in her family membership renewal check
- President Porter volunteered to coordinate mailings
- Secretary Spilman to prepare letter and 2024 membership forms for mailings

Museum Operation Committee

- June through August schedule consistent with Railroad Museum adopted again
- President Porter will staff all but one weekend (August 3,4) if necessary
- Sign up sheet to be provided at next meeting.

Old Business

- **BNSF Bridge Replacement**
 - First 2 photographs from SHSND obtained
 - Fall 2023 drone footage obtained
 - Will require “paper accounts” to be established for Bridge Mitigation, Conex Boxes, 2018 Directed Grant and Endowment Fund Directed Grant funds
- **Morton County Roots” Book Sale**
 - Second copy of book belongs to ND Railroad Museum. Not available for sale.
- **Internet Connection**
 - Treasurer Engelter is working with Northern Sky Internet Representative to set up connection donated by the business

New Business

None

Next Meeting: May 9, 2024 11:00 am at Bennigan’s Restaurant

Motion to adjourn at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathye Spilman
Secretary

Approved: TBD