

MANDAN Historical Society



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2024

Location: Bennigan's Restaurant, Mandan

Present: President Porter, Secretary Spilman, Treasurer Engelter, Directors Huettl, Pope and Willoughby

Absent: Vice President Russell, Directors Pope and Willoughby

The meeting was called to order by President Porter at 11:20 am. 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 reported the current checking account balance is \$17,221.30. 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.

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
- Board approval for starting a "Go Fund Me" page to raise funds for a CONEX/shipping container was reaffirmed previously approved via email vote. 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 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 funds left over for other purposes beyond completing Cornerstone Display

Grant Committee

- Mandan Visitor Committee grand 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
- Motion made, seconded & approved via voice vote to cover mailing expenses

Museum Operation Committee

- Approved June to August schedule consistent with Railroad Museum adopted again
- President Porter will staff all but one weekend (August 3,4)
- Signup sheet will be passed around next meeting

Old Business

- **BNSF Bridge Replacement Mitigation Video Project**
 - First 2 photographs from SHSND obtained
 - Fall 2023 drone footage obtained
 - Will require “paper accounts” to track spending for Bridge Mitigation, CONEX Box Fund, 2018 Directed Grant & Endowment Fund Directed Grants
- **Morton County Roots Book Sale**
 - Second copy of book belongs to ND Railroad Museum. So not available for sale.
- **Internet Connection**
 - Treasurer Engelter is working with Northern Sky Internet Representative to set up a free connection donated by the business

New Business

- None

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

Motion to adjourn at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathye Spilman
Secretary

Approved: 9 May 2024