

MANDAN Historical Society



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2024

Location: Bennigan's Restaurant, Mandan

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

Absent: Vice President Russell, Director Willoughby

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

Officers' Reports

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the May 9, 2024 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 \$17,191.30. Motion to accept the report passed via voice vote without dissent.

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
- Returned cartons of newspapers remain stored in the museum building.
- Discussion with the City of Mandan representatives have confirmed that CONEX boxes/shipping containers cannot be used at the museum site since they are only approved for industrial-zoned use. Museum land is currently zoned agricultural.
- Efforts to set up "Go Fund Me" page to fund a CONEX/shipping container is suspended
- Railroad museum has offered cold storage in one of their outdoor box storages. Potential damage to the newspapers is acknowledged.
- Potential donors have been encouraged to use the PayPal donation page on the website

Buildings & Grounds Committee

- First St Federal Building Cornerstone Display – No progress to report

Communication & Public Relations Committee

- Webpage additions (2) – Gone Forever Old Red Trail and Liberty Memorial Bridge
- Multiple assistance provided from email inquiries.
- Middle School Bell Display project awaits someone to chair effort

Donations & Acquisitions Committee

- A large (4'x 4') stone panel with a likely Rybnicek carving offered. Apparently recovered during 1994 Main Street rebuild project (which included the removal of pieces of abandoned trolley track.) Consensus to install it outside along the north fence line west of the First Street Federal Building cornerstone display. Additional research on its providence is necessary and is in progress.

Endowment Fund Committee

- Expect a \$700 disbursement in 2024
- Current balance \$18,502.36

Heritage Home Committee

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

Membership Committee

- Initial mailing complete
- Application returns slow
- “V-Check” option presented for on-line membership renewal. No action taken.

Museum Operation Committee

- President Porter will staff all but one weekend (August 3,4)
- Spilman and Pope indicated they would staff the meeting as needed
- One renewing member also volunteered to assist at museum.

Old Business

- **BNSF Bridge Replacement Mitigation Video Project**
 - Need “paper account” to be established to track spending
 - Pending review of recently released HAERS report by BNSF’s contractor
 - First video outline almost complete including graphics

New Business

- Interview held with college student for potential summer intern position. Adequate funding source not identified.

Next Meeting: Thursday September 12, 2024, Noon at Bennigan’s Restaurant

Motion to adjourn at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathye Spilman
Secretary

Approved: 12 September 2024