

# **MANDAN Historical Society**

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

**Wednesday October 18, 2017**



**Location:** Conference Room at 1403 27<sup>th</sup> St NW/Mandan (Keitu Engineers & Consultants, Inc.)

**Present:** President Robert Porter, Vice President Walt Russell, Secretary Kathy Spilman, MHSoc Director Bob Barr

**Absent:** Treasurer William Engelter

Meeting called to order by President Porter at 5:00 p.m. Quorum was present.

### **Officers' Reports**

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from July 2017 meeting were presented. Motion to approve was made, seconded and approved via voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Engelter previously provided bank statement. No deposits since last meeting. No payments since last meeting. Bank balance stands at \$5982.18. Motion to approve was made, seconded and approved via voice vote.

One bill for \$345.00 was presented for expenses under the Directed Grant for research work and documentation related to Sears Kit Homes in downtown Mandan. Some info has been posted to the website – more remaining. Motion to approve payment of bill was made, seconded and approved via voice vote.

### **Committee Reports**

**Buildings & Grounds Committee:** Bill Engelter, in his capacity as President of the Board of Directors of the ND State Railroad Museum, provided a conceptual design for the MHSoc participation in the next building addition at their site. Concept and location of the facility was reviewed. Desire to have a permanent home for records, books and artifacts was expressed. Expected costs and possible funding sources for the project were discussed. Motion to explore this project further was made, seconded and approved via voice vote.

**Communication & Public Relations Committee:** Kathy reported she made a presentation on the history of the NP Depot & NP Beanery to the Mandan Golden Age Club October 12 which was well received. She expects to be asked back in December for another similar presentation.

**Donations & Acquisitions Committee:** No new information to report on the Gipple Farm photo. Bob Porter provided two additional undated black and white photos, one of a 4th of July parade entry and one of Gene Autry and others at the Wetzstein cabin home.

**Endowment Committee:** Nothing new to report.

**Grant Committee:** Nothing to report.

**Nomination Committee:** Nothing to report.

**Membership Committee:** Kathye Spilman reported that she had talked to the Activity Director of the Morton County Golden Age Club about holding an annual meeting at their facility in February of each year. Would key off signing of adoption of formal city charter date of February 23, 1881. Leaning toward “City Charter Celebration” as them rather than “Founders Day” currently in use by Bismarck Historical Society for their event. Evening meal could also be arranged at the facility. Motion to continue to explore the annual meeting / meal with the facility made, seconded and approved via voice vote. Suggestion made for an early January Board meeting date to facilitate planning arrangements. Suggested a Sunday afternoon event with a program at 4:00 PM, elections at 4:45 PM and dinner about 5:00 PM

### **Old Business**

**Pottery Grant:** No activity to report. However, Bob Barr indicated that they had developed a presentation in conjunction with the local pottery association. Will explore offering this program in conjunction with the annual meeting.

### **New Business**

No new business offered.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 5 p.m. at the Conference Room at Keitu Engineers & Consultants, Inc. January 10, 2018 was proposed as an alternate date if conflicts developed with the first week of the year.

Motion to adjourn at 5:47 p.m. made, seconded and approved via voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathye Spilman  
Secretary

**Approved: January 3, 2018**