

# **MANDAN Historical Society**



## **Board of Directors Meeting**

**Wednesday August 1, 2018**

**Location:** Keitu Engineers & Consultants Conference Room at 1403 27th St NW, Mandan

**Present:** President Robert Porter, Vice President Walt Russell, Secretary Kathye Spilman, Treasurer William Engelter, MHSoc Directors Bob Barr and Patricia Tostevin. Joel Winckler joined the meeting as an invited visitor.

**Absent:** one vacant Director's position

Meeting called to order by President Porter at 5:05 p.m. Quorum was present.

### **Officers' Reports**

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from April 2018 meeting were presented. Motion to approve was made, seconded and approved without corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Engelter announced the current bank balance is \$4943.28 including a recent donation of \$500 from the ND Pottery Collectors' Association to be used to expand the Society's pottery collection. One bill was presented for payment. A motion was made and approved via voice for payment.

At the Treasurer's request, the mailing address for the Starion checking account will be moved to the Society's registered agent.

### **Committee Reports**

**Nomination Committee:** Joel Winckler is currently restoring the Alphonse Boley home in Mandan and has expressed interest in supporting the activities of the Mandan Historical Society. President Porter reported that as provided in the Society's bylaws, he appoints Patricia Tostevin to fill the remaining vacant Director position until the next general membership meeting once their membership is made current, which he has accepted.

**Membership Committee:** Upon inquiry, the current membership fee schedule was reviewed. Life Membership is a one-time payment of \$350. Annual single membership is \$15 per year, family membership is \$25 and business is \$50.

**Buildings & Grounds Committee:** During their most recent meeting, the Board of Directors of the ND State Railroad Museum approved the proposal to jointly construct a new 20 x 56 ft building in the northeast corner of the site. The design of the building was modified to a slightly shorter form to accommodate the site topography and standard lumber sizes. Their written

proposal was presented, reviewed and approved. President Porter signed two copies of the agreement on behalf of the Society, one copy designated for the files of each organization.

Patricia Tostevin reiterated she will donate \$25,001 designated as follows; \$20,000 for the buildout of the MHSoc's half of the 20 x 56 ft building, \$5000 for 10 years of annual support and site maintenance fees, and \$1 for the 100-year lease payment for the building lease easement.

President Porter proposed to demonstrate its gratitude for the donation, the Society install at its expense, a plaque in the new building highlighting the Tostevin's family generosity. After discussion of wording options, the Board settled on the following:

*The Mandan Historical Museum thanks the Tostevin Family for helping us remember those who have gone before and built, served and loved Mandan.*

Bill Engelter presented a proposed budget for the building. The contract for the construction will be let yet this year with a target completion of the framing and enclosure for late April 2019.

Bill also reported on Bob Porter, Kathye Spilman, and Bob Barr's staffing of areas during the Railroad Museum's Watermelon Day event, and asked for continued support at the upcoming Hobo Day event. Work continues to coordinate purchasing of custom Mandan Historical Society patches to wear on articles of clothing during such events.

**Communication & Public Relations Committee:** Kathye reported to multiple contacts have occurred via email and/or calls including outreach by Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History and the collection of J. D. Allen.

**Donations & Acquisitions Committee:** Kathye reported the high quality scanned copy of the booklet "Mantani," provided by Pat Tostevin, is posted for non-commercial use on the website.

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

**Grant Committee:** Nothing to report.

### **Old Business**

**Pottery Grant:** Bob Barr presented multiple options for use of the recent pottery grant. Upon review and discussion, the Board moved to purchase a single item worth \$500 for its collection.

**BNSF Railroad Bridge Project:** Kathye Spilman continues to attend the historical consultation meeting held in January with the BNSF railroad to replace the current Missouri River rail bridge. A citizen's group attended with the desire to repurpose the existing bridge as a community space/walking path river crossing.

**New Business**

No items were offered for consideration.

**Next Meeting:** Tentatively scheduled for Wednesday October 17, May 16, 2018 at 5 p.m. at the Conference Room at Keitu Engineers & Consultants, Inc.

Motion to adjourn at 6:14 p.m. made, seconded and approved via voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathye Spilman  
Secretary

**Approved: TBD**