

# **MANDAN Historical Society**

## **Board of Directors Special Meeting**

**May 8, 2021**



**Location:** Mandan History Society Museum; 3827 30th Avenue NW, Mandan

**Present:** President Bob Porter, Secretary Kathye Spilman, Treasurer Bill Engelter and Director Joel Winckler

**Absent:** Vice President Walt Russell, Directors Bob Barr, Lanie Pope, and Sharon Huettl

The meeting was called to order by President Porter at 10:02 a.m. Quorum was present.

### **Officers' Reports**

**President's Report:** MHSoc budget for 2021 developed and forwarded to Morton County Historical Society as requested.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the March 2021 meeting were offered for review and approval. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes with 3 corrections. Minutes not offered for approval due to lack of quorum.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Engelter reported a checking account balance of \$13,076.88. Final invoice and payment for museum construction and furnishing expenses and the \$10 annual report fee is still pending.

Secretary Spilman provided a photocopy of the check & membership information on the \$25 February 2021 deposit as requested.

### **Committee Reports**

**Nomination Committee:** No report.

**Membership Committee:** Treasurer recommended an effort to send out membership reminders. Further action tabled.

**Buildings & Grounds Committee:** President Porter will approach Tony Eckroth to relocate the former Post Office / Library cornerstone. Discussion continues with members of the ND Railroad Museum to assure placement meets with approval of both organizations.

President Porter took on the assignment to schedule volunteer staff for the 2021 museum season.

**Communication & Public Relations Committee:** A museum's "Grand Opening" was not held last year due to the pandemic. General consensus that another attempt to be made in 2021. Top three dates were Fathers' Day, Fourth of July and first weekend in August. Pros and cons of each explored. Motion made, seconded and approved via voice vote to schedule event Sunday August 1 to further establish that date as the traditional time for the community to support the Mandan Historical Society and its events.

No progress to report on the Middle School Bell display, although Kathye reminded the group she has identified grant funding available for it through SHSND.

**Grant Committee:** Secretary Spilman reported her surprise that the announcement of the Visitor's Committee application deadline was posted in the local newspaper, but was delivered only after the deadline had pasted. No application was therefore submitted.

Secretary Spilman announced the availability of the National Park Service Rural Development Grant (deadline September 1 – millions \$ available) for restoration of historic buildings. And had pointed out that the Hanley House was currently listed for sale.

**Donations & Acquisitions Committee:** A vase has been donated to the museum by President Porter. The Eckroth Family had donated a uniform and some percussion sticks

**Endowment Committee:** Secretary Spilman reported that the MHSoc Endowment Fund was not listed in the ND Community Foundation Annual report – nor is it listed on their website. She has taken on the assignment to follow-up with them to check on the status of the fund.

### **Old Business**

- Heritage Home Signage - Tabled
- Mandan Middle School Bell Display – Tabled

Letters are out to the Committee Members for the ND Pottery Collectors Association with an invitation for a free lunch on Saturday June 12 at the museum for their members attending their annual meeting in Bismarck. No response to date. The deadline provided was May 31.

No responses received for the job posting for the summer intern. Posting was likely too late. Target posting for 2022 during first quarter.

### **New Business**

No new business offered.

### **Next Meeting**

To be scheduled at President's discretion in September after Museum season closes.

Motion to adjourn at 11:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathye".

Kathye Spilman  
Secretary

**Approved: September 25, 2021**