

Manfred History and Preservation, Inc.  
July 26, 2009  
Museum – 1:30 p.m.

- Open            The meeting was opened by President Audrey Solheim
- Roll call        The following Directors were present: Verna Bowers, Pamela Norstedt, Audrey Solheim, Ruth Widiger, and Lewis Weigelt  
Directors absent: Esther Boese, Pete Anderson, Rose Anderson and Laverne Johnson  
Others present: Wanda Melchert, Reiner Widiger, and Wesley Gross
- Minutes        Minutes from the previous meeting were distributed as part of the packet. Reiner moved they be approved, seconded by Verna, motion carried.
- Fiscal Report    Income for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter \$5,340; Disbursements \$1, 207.50. The checking account balance brought forward was \$6,473.24, ending balance \$10,605.74. In addition there is \$7,515.14 currently in our savings account, reported Ruth Widiger.
- Mower Bill     A bill for fixing the lawn mower was presented. Reiner moved that MHP pay the bill, Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried. Since Wanda had already paid the bill the reimbursement will be made to her. With MHP wishing to pay the repair bills for the red lawn mowers, Wanda is now giving these two mowers to MHP, Inc.
- Audit          Lewis and Judy Weigelt audited the 2008 fiscal books and found them to be in order.
- Contributions Report:    Verna Bowers provided the contributions report – 1<sup>st</sup> quarter - \$1127; 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter \$5,000 grant money and \$430 contributions to the general account. In addition 1<sup>st</sup> quarter funds designated to the endowment were \$100 and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter \$70. Newsletter subscriptions - 18 - first quarter, 6- second quarter for a total of 24. Those numbers are down due to the delay in sending out the newsletters.
- Endowment Report        Cash value invested in our endowment with Edward Jones was \$4,734.24, current value is \$4,913.71. This modest gain was noteworthy due to the depressed economy.
- Other Reports    Corporate and Education reports were incorporated in the Museum Director's report. A photo from the Wells County Fair parade was passed around.
- Buildings/  
Grounds        Pam had prepared the report and it was included with the packet, but she was not present at the time the report was given so Audrey and Wanda summarized the information.

Visitors	A number of visitors have been in Manfred recently, many doing genealogy research.
Closing Day	It was determined that since in past years no visitors have been in Manfred following their journey to the Høstfest, that the museum close for the year on September 30 as publicized.
Digital Project	Amy Bellefeuille spent a couple of days at the museum scanning photos for a special project with Digital Horizons and Pam received CD's with the scans that Amy sent. Pam has written a news article on the Digital Horizons project and it was approved, so she will take it to the Herald Press for an article in the weekly newspaper.
Computer	The North Dakota Telephone Company has a grant program and is encouraging MHP to apply for funds. Motion was made by Ruth, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Wesley Gross that Pam or Wanda contact NDTC and apply for funds for a new computer to be located at the museum. Motion carried.
Historian	Audrey has had many contacts with people from Manfred interested in their genealogy. These contacts have come because of visits to the museum and also visits to our website. Information has been exchanged with these folks so they have more information about their past and we have more information for our records on their families.
Museum Director	Audrey and Wanda measured the buildings in town to provide information to Central Insurance Company of Carrington for liability insurance; this is the company MHP has its coverage with and will be used by RVA, Melby Heritage, and Audrey for the Gas Station. The representative we work with is Cory. The base amount for each group is \$111 per year.
Newsletter	Wanda is anticipating the next newsletter to be done in late August.
Hotel	The hotel will be painted the first week in September using a spray painter and Bill's boom truck. It will receive one primer coat and two finish coats.
Shelving	Lewis Weigelt will work on shelving project upstairs.
Electricity	Fritz Wold is still short one ceiling lighting fixture, when that is secured he will come and finish up the electrical projects remaining. Fritz will work up an estimate for supplying electricity to the two garages. It was decided that a regular light will be installed at the back door, rather than a motion light.
Grant	Another grant will be written to finish up the exhibit panels. Perhaps the electrical work could be included in this grant too.

Lawn Mower	Wesley Gross suggested maybe a local company such as Case would be willing to donate a lawn mower to MHP since our mowers are getting lots of use and wearing out.
RVA	This group received one grant for \$2500 and the work needs to be completed in November. It is still in the fund raising mode, and will be applying for another grant – a Cultural Heritage grant through the state historical society. Funding is for new roofs on the school and the Solheim house.
Johnson/Ostrem	Wanda is writing a small grant for the interior of the Ostrem house – this work must be completed by January 2011.
Sons of Norway 90 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	<p>Pam came in time to give the report of anniversary plans. The Festival Hall can be rented (Janell Pepple, Wells Co Sheriff's office) for \$225 a day, payable a month in advance. This includes tables and chairs. They have a functioning kitchen and a ballroom, which holds 180 people on the main floor. Pam will write for a S/N grant, which should cover the costs. Their grants run up to \$1500.</p> <p>It was determined the date be Sunday, June 20, 2010. It will be from 1 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be coffee and Norwegian cookies and a sheet cake decorated with 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. There will be a display of Sons of Norway memorabilia, and the Wells County Historical Society will be asked to have the museum open so people can see items such as the Viking Ship and the Perry Anderson room.</p>
MHP, Inc.	MHP, Inc. will participate by dedicating the Hotel (former Sons of Norway Building) and the Manfred School, which will be celebrating 100 years. Displays of MHP items or about projects will be included
Program	Program has not been determined, suggestion was to bring out the Singers and Dancers from Bismarck Sons of Norway and pay their mileage.
Tours	The Manfred Heritage Museum will be open 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. to view the hotel, which was the former Sons of Norway Hall, as well as the rest of the museum complex. Staff will be on hand for the tours.
Liaison	Pam Norstedt, as a member of both organizations will chair this project with the assistance of others involved. Invitations will be sent to area Sons of Norway lodges and be publicized in the newsletter.
History	Audrey is working on inputting the lodge minutes, preparing listings of members, and working on photo albums of the lodge.
Triangle	Cherry Smith has lost the deed to the triangle property in Manfred. She had it, when she was taken to the emergency room for medical treatment but has not been able to locate it since. Michelle Frank of Denhoff is a relative that has provided

this information. It was suggested that we pursue with Cherry the acquisition of this property. Verna said she had paid the taxes, and had a phone number to call her. The property would be acquired by Vang Lutheran Church.

State Bank  
Building

The Beiseker Bank is one of a kind in the region and Ruth suggested that MHP, Inc. undertake acquisition of this property and make the renovations necessary to make it a showcase. Property once owned by Beiseker is important, and since there is money MHP, Inc. has received for property improvement this would be a good move on our part. We should hire (pay) a contractor to advise us what the current needs would be to restore the building to look like a bank once again. We should also check with Preservation North Dakota for advice with a project such as this. Pam Norstedt made a motion that MHP, Inc. acquire the property, the motion was seconded by Reiner Widiger, Motion carried. Wanda will transfer the property to MHP, Inc. and take care of the legal fees necessary to do so. She will do this in time for MHP, Inc. to enter into the next grant cycle with the Cultural Heritage Funding. The window "cage" is still in the building, and the vault is still there as well. It was determined that the bank be used for commercial displays rather than the current photo gallery it now contains. This building will be included in the MHP, Inc. Grant request that will be written in August.

Pam will check with Anamoose, who rumor tells us, has old bank furnishings available.

Thank You Thank you to all who have made improvements at Manfred. Little by little Manfred is coming along very well!

Next  
Meeting

The next meeting will be held in the fall of 2009.

Adjourn

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by  
Audrey Solheim, Acting Secretary