

Bismarck Historical Society

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of June 20, 2017

Missouri River Room, Bismarck Public Library

Directors Present: Mike Heyd, Yvonne Kubis, Mike LaLonde, Mike McCormack, Ted Quanrud, Marilyn Snyder, Tom Stromme, Fern Swenson, Carolyn Twingley, Ann Vadnie, Kate Waldera

Directors Absent: Tim Atkinson, Mary Baird, Tom Hesford, Larry Jahnke, Tom Mayer, Fern Swenson

Also in Attendance: Walt Bailey (Exec. Director)

Call to Order and Financial Reports

Vice-President Mike LaLonde called the meeting to order. The Board spent a moment in silence in memory of Myron Atkinson. The minutes of the April meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Mike McCormack and second by Yvonne Kubis, the minutes were approved. The financial report for May and June was approved by a motion by Ann Vadnie and second by Carolyn Twingley. The current balance is \$16, 734.72.

Ongoing Business

Membership – No report

Newsletter – No report

Web Page, Social Media and E-Mail – Webmaster Kate Waldera brought the question of whether we should approve people who are non-members coming to our Facebook page. The board told her to use her discretion, but to include non-members.

Calendar Committee – No report

Programs – Chair Marilyn asked the board to be at the Heritage Center for set-up on July 11 and the Founders Day would run from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The theme this year is Agriculture is Always in the News.

Collections – No report

Vision Committee – No report

Nominations Committee – No report

Cookbook Committee – Chair Carolyn Twingley reported the cookbook is being edited now and that she and Mike McCormack have found a source of funding for the project.

Business

Executive Director Walt Bailey updated the board on issues discussed by the Executive Committee. The Mayors Ball was a successful event and Tom Mayer thinks we should participate again next year and submit another application for funding. The Band Night Parade was successful with the car and banners and the consensus of those taking part was we should continue to be in the parade. The Executive Committee agreed to the purchase of a computer from Community Access Television that assists with editing and content quality for use in videoing the lecture series. The group agreed the board needs a laptop of its own that can be stored at the Library and available for member's use.

Walt Bailey reported on the progress at Camp Hancock in getting a flagpole up and the plans for the grounds enhancement. Neil Bohrer's plans for planting and caring for the grounds have been approved by the State and Camp Hancock manager Johnathan Campbell is working on a waiver of liability for the project. The board agreed that we should showcase Neil and the other Boy Scouts working on the project at our Annual Picnic in August. The Bohrer family will receive a free membership from us at that time. The flagpole project is approved and in the works but nothing can be ordered before the new fiscal year July 1 as the SHSND is ordering the flags.

Tom Stromme informed the board that we would be eligible as a non-profit to sponsor a poker tournament twice a year to raise money. Tom will talk to Erik Sakariassen about how to set up an event, probably at the Elks.

Walt Bailey had looked into Blue Jean Day funding and found we have to submit a proposal to an event to be eligible to participate.

Walt Bailey had been contacted by Annette Willis about getting our membership list to use for her tour promotions. The board agreed to give her the list for promotion purposes only.

Walt Bailey brought up the fact the Executive Committee would like to know how much the committee could spend before the spending could become an area of concern. Mike McCormack moved and Ann Vadnie seconded the motion that a cap of \$1,750 per item be instituted for Executive Committee spending. Motion carried.

Walt Bailey, on behalf of the Executive Committee, asked for a board member to become an at-large member. Carolyn Twingley volunteered for the position.

Walt Bailey stated the State Historical Society of North Dakota has asked that we take over the Traveling Exhibit Program from them as they have lost their funding for this project. The Traveling Exhibit Program involves scheduling exhibits for go to various museums and other organizations throughout the State, usually during the months of May through October.

The next regular Board of Directors will be held at the Library on August 15, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Snyder, Secretary