

## **Bismarck Historical Society**

### **Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of December 19, 2017**

#### **Missouri River Room, Bismarck Public Library**

Directors Present: Tom Atkinson, Rob Hanna, Mike Heyd, Evan Laib, Mike LaLonde, Yvonne Kubis, Tom Mayer, Annette Schilling-Willis. Marilyn Snyder, Tom Stromme, Fern Swenson, Ann Vadnie, Kate Waldera

Directors Absent: Mary Baird, Tom Hesford, Larry Jahnke, Mike McCormack, Carolyn Twingley

Also in Attendance: Walt Bailey (Exec. Director)

#### **Call to Order and Financial Reports**

President Tom Mayer called the meeting to order. An election of officers was held immediately with Ann Vadne moving and Tom Atkinson seconding the motion that the following officers be installed for the coming year: Kate Waldera, president; Mike LaLonde, vice-president; Marilyn Snyder, secretary; and Yvonne Kubis, treasurer. The motion carried. President Kate Waldera assumed the seat of the presidency. The minutes of the October meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Mike LaLonde and second by Mike Heyd, the minutes were approved. Upon motion by Tom Mayer and second by Mike LaLonde, the treasurer's report for December was approved. The treasury has \$19,965.00.

#### **Ongoing Business**

**Membership** Executive Director Bailey reported the annual membership drive netted 12 new memberships with the ½ price offer.

**Newsletter** Chair Ann Vadne asked that anyone who had groups or individuals that might be interested in receiving the newsletter contact her. Ann also informed the board of the dates for the upcoming newsletters and deadlines for submissions of material.

**Web Page, Social Media and E-Mail** – No report

**Calendar Committee** – No report

**Programs** – Chair Marilyn Snyder stated the emphasis on programming for Founders Day will now focus on the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of Bismarck. Walt Bailey and Snyder are meeting with City Commissioner Nancy Guy to coordinate the efforts with the city and other stakeholders. BAGA is holding a contest, open to all artists, to create a logo for the event. If anyone has suggestions for what should be included in the logo, send your ideas to Walt Bailey. Fern Swenson suggested a fund raising idea of \$150 for 150.

**Collections** No report

**Vision Committee** No report

**Nominations** No report

**Cookbook Committee** Walt Bailey reported the cookbook will be available after the new year.

### **Business**

Walt Bailey told the board he had been contacted on behalf of the board to be a part of the discussions on the old BNSF bridge. He asked for members interested in working with him to try to get all stakeholders in on the discussions about saving the bridge. Rob Hanna and Annette Schilling-Willis volunteered to work with Walt.

Tom Atkinson reported he would be taking over the writing of the Bismarck history book. The group is up to the 1960s and work will resume at the first of the new year.

Rob Hanna asked that a board representative attend a stakeholder meeting on January 24 on the strategic plan for the North Dakota Parks and Recreation. He particularly noted the need for input from us on sites of historical interest in hopes that historical background becomes a part of the interpretation.

Walt Bailey led a brief discussion on whether we wanted to go with an endowment or trust. The discussion was tabled until Yvonne Kubis was present at the meeting.

All board members were given new binders with the by-laws and minutes.

The next regular Board of Directors will be held at the Library on February 20, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Snyder, Secretary