

Bismarck Historical Society

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of December 8, 2016

Peacock Alley, Patterson Hotel

Directors Present: Mike LaLonde, Tom Mayer, Marilyn Snyder, Yvonne Kubis

Directors Absent: Kate Waldera

Also in Attendance: Walt Bailey (Exec. Director)

The first meeting of the Bismarck Historical Society Executive Committee was December 8 at 11:30 a.m. at Peacock Alley, The group agreed that the established meeting time for future meetings would be the second Thursday of the month at 11:30.

The committee discussed items of most importance on which to begin. The by-laws and an established budget were deemed the priorities. After discussion, President Tom Mayer agreed to meet with board member Tim Atkinson to go through the by-laws and suggest necessary changes to be brought forward to the board of directors. Treasurer Yvonne Kubis and Executive Director Walt Bailey will work together to construct a tentative budget.

The committee agreed that a plan for finding potential board members is needed. They agreed that a list of traits that we want in a board member should be established and used when considering a person for the board.

The committee noted we need to increase the visibility of the Bismarck Historical Society and to consider the possibility that the board needs a public relations committee for that purpose.

The committee discussed making a wish list of projects, events, etc. that the board would like to do if we had the money to do so. Then a discussion needs to be held on how to obtain the money to do these things. Then we need to follow through with these plans.

The committee discussed the upcoming program for the 145th birthday of Bismarck and the need to get money for a bigger celebration. Marilyn Snyder brought up the issue of the special fund set aside by the City each year for special projects pertaining to historical purposes. Tom Mayer agreed that this could be a good source of funding for the event and agreed to talk to Mayor Seminary about the funds and how to access them.

The committee adjourned at 1:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Snyder, Secretary