

## **Bismarck Historical Society**

### **Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of January 19, 2016**

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

Directors Present: Tim Atkinson, Dennis Boyd, Johnathan Campbell, Mike Heyd, Yvonne Kubis, Mike LaLonde, Tom Mayer, Mike McCormack, Marilyn Snyder, Tom Stromme, Carolyn Twingley, Ann Vadnie,

Directors Absent: Mary Baird, Tom Hesford, Larry Jahnke, Ted Quanrud, Kate Waldera

Also in Attendance: Walt Bailey (Exec. Director)

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

President Tom Mayer called the meeting to order. The minutes of the December 2015 meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Mike McCormack and second by Mike LaLonde, the minutes were approved. Upon motion by Mike McCormack and second by Ann Vadnie, the December financial report, including Balance Sheet, P&L, and BNC Bank statement, were approved.

#### **Ongoing Business**

**Membership** – Chair Tom Mayer reported one new member in December. Walt Bailey is keeping a list of names of new and renewing members and turning them over to John Nelson to update the mailing list once a month.

**Newsletter** – Chair Ann Vadnie asked if everyone is satisfied with the format of the newsletter and all concurred they are very satisfied. Tom Atkinson is working in the feature story, boxcar living, for the new newsletter. Carolyn Twingley is exploring an article on the updating of the Gannon House for the summer newsletter. Ann is working on a list of all the articles that have appeared in the newsletter and documents of her program and annual meeting duties. Tim Atkinson brought up the question of whether our newsletter should go out by e-mail. No resolution.

**Web Page, Social Media and E-Mail** – Chair Johnathan Campbell is attempting to contact our web page host to get full access to our page to update and make necessary changes.

**Calendar Committee** – Executive Director Walt Bailey agreed that the calendar committee will now function as an exploratory marketing committee for next year's calendar to maximize sales and perhaps get sponsors.

**Programs** – Chair Marilyn Snyder commented on the excellent program on the Bismarck Weather Bureau history by John Paul Martin. She updated the Board on plans for this year's Birthday Party and next year's programs. Three BHS members have agreed to serve with board members on the Program Committee: Carol Heyd, Pam Paulson and Judith Hammer.

**Collections** – Chair Carolyn Twingley told the board she has put all of Donna’s information, from the beginning of the Board to current, in files. The Grant for funding for collections through the State Historical Society have been placed on hold due to budget cuts at the state level.

**Treasury** – New Treasurer Yvonne Kubis asked about the signatures on the bank account – who should sign the checks and how many signatures should be on the account. After discussion, Mike LaLonde moved that two signatures, Yvonne Kubis and Walt Bailey, be placed on the account with only one signature necessary on a check. Further, all signatures now on the account be removed. Mike McCormack seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Vision Committee**– No report

### **Business**

President Tom Mayer briefly reviewed his goals for the upcoming year. President Mayer had given his list to the board members in December for perusal.

Walt Bailey told the group that a major local hotel had contacted him about us assisting them with redecorating the hotel with historical pictures of Bismarck. The Board agreed that if the hotel asks, Walt Bailey and Mike LaLonde will work with them for a donation going to the Board.

Dennis Boyd proffered the name of David Borlaug as a potential board member. After discussion, a nominating committee headed by Tim Atkinson will look at all potential board candidates and either decline the name or bring it forward to the entire board.

Walt Bailey told the group we have been asked to participate on a committee that is working on making a self-guided walking tour brochure from Main Street up to the Capitol.

Carolyn Twingley showed the group a cookbook she had picked up during Christmas vacation promoting the city and featuring ethnic recipes. The group expressed interest in possibly doing a similar cookbook for Bismarck. Carolyn will head the venture.

Walt Bailey said he has found a possible source of funding for transcribing the police department’s records from the early years. (Secretary’s note: Extremely excited!!)

The next regular Board of Directors will be held at the Library on February 16, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Snyder, Secretary

