

Bismarck Historical Society

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of April 18, 2016

Missouri River Room, Bismarck Public Library

Directors Present: Dennis Boyd, Johnathan Campbell, Mike Heyd, Yvonne Kubis, Mike LaLonde, Tom Mayer, Mike McCormack, Ted Quanrud, Marilyn Snyder, Tom Stromme, Carolyn Twingley, Ann Vadnie, Kate Waldera

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

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 March meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Mike LaLonde and second by Ted Quanrud, the minutes were approved. Upon motion by Ted Quanrud and second by Mike McCormack, the March financial report, including Balance Sheet, P&L, and BNC Bank statement, were approved.

Ongoing Business

Membership – Walt Bailey reported that there was one membership renewal and the total membership is 241.

Newsletter – Chair Ann Vadnie reminded members that the deadline for submission of materials for the newsletter is tomorrow. Ann and Judith Hammer have almost completed the Beck Trolley display for Founders Day. Ann copied the photos from the Becks and the copies will go into our archives. Ann also asked that before any board members recommend her to people for presentations that the member call her first to see if she can do the presentation or perhaps someone else would be better suited.

Web Page, Social Media and E-Mail – Chair Johnathan Campbell reported we had two e-mails this past month requesting information. He also had to delete some controversial e-mails on the discussion page.

Calendar Committee – Chair Ted Quanrud has eight pictures chosen for the upcoming calendar and asked for suggestions or recommendations for the final four choices. Mike McCormack volunteered to become a member of the committee.

Programs – Chair Marilyn Snyder expressed her pleasure in having firemen present at her presentation on the Bismarck Fire Department. The assistant fire chief, a retired fireman and three men on active duty were present. All seemed to enjoy hearing the new findings on the old Capitol fire. Founders Day assignments will be sent out in an e-mail and all board members were urged to sign up for a duty. The board decided to make 50 buttons for Founders Day this year. Walt Bailey reported the State Historical Society is considering our Founders Day program

as part of the Historical Preservation Act activities and Rob Hanna will be conducting the downtown tour on June 19 as part of the activities as well. Walt requested Ann get our logo to the SHSND as they will be using our logo in advertising.

Collections – Chair Carolyn Twingley thanked Ann Vadnie for a couple of family items she has given our archives. She questioned if Walt had heard anything on the grant we had submitted and Walt assured her we should know very soon. Ann thanked Carolyn for her great work on our archival materials.

Vision Committee– No report

Nominations Committee – No report

Business

President Tom Mayer and Walt Bailey met with the Kramer Insurance Agency representative about insurance for the individual officers and directors. We can get \$1,000,000 coverage for about \$650 per year. Walt is going to check on the exact amount of cost before we proceed with the sign-up.

Carolyn Twingley stated the cookbook committee is meeting every two weeks to continue planning the format, layout, etc of the book. Mary Jo Bailey is providing help with publishing questions and is writing a section on Oscar Will and the Mandan seeds (with assistance from Walt Bailey.)

Kate Waldera asked the board to continue to sponsor the upkeep and replacement of the flags flown from i-94 to the entrance to the Capitol. Mike LaLonde moved and Ann Vadnie seconded that we give a donation of \$250 (Bronze Level) to the project. Motion carried.

Walt Bailey asked the board to consider becoming a member of the Mountain Plains Museum Association. The membership will allow us to get discounted materials for archival use and also has a great website and conference for museum groups. Marilyn Snyder moved and Mike Lalonde seconded the motion that we become members of the MPMA. Motion carried.

The next regular Board of Directors will be held at the Library on May 17, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Snyder, Secretary