

BISMARCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

FROM

Thursday, May 11, 2017

The Executive Committee of the Bismarck Historical Society gathered at Peacock Alley at 11:30 A.M. with the following in attendance: President Tom Mayer, Vice President Mike LaLonde, Treasurer Yvonne Kubis, Past President Kate Waldera, and Executive Director Walt Bailey who was also substituting for Secretary Marilyn Snyder, absent for medical reasons. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order and the following items were discussed:

1.) Report on BHS participation in the “Mayor’s Ball” fund raiser and grant project:

President Mayer reported that he and his wife attended the event and found it to be a pleasant and enjoyable evening, well organized with good food and music. The event was privately sponsored with no city government involvement. About 60 people attended. In a private conversation President Mayer ascertained that the BHS application for grant funds to support the “Capital Past Times” newsletter appeared to be a good project and should be resubmitted for future consideration. President Mayer recommended that BHS participate in this event in the future.

Treasurer Kubis moved and Vice President LaLonde seconded the motion that the Mayors be reimbursed for their expenses. The motion carried.

2.) Proposal to purchase a computer to facilitate the BHS lecture program taping project:

Based on the request and arguments of Board Member Larry Jahnke, the committee considered the value of purchasing a used computer to facilitate the often stated need to record and present video tapes of the BHS lecture series programs. Larry’s own personal equipment is not adequate to the tasks involved, and he has found a much more adequately equipped machine, in excellent condition, about to be disposed of by the Community Access T.V. company at a very favorable price. Having agreed that the purchase was merited and that the machine would be stored with Larry, the conversation turned to the also long recognized need for the BHS to acquire a laptop computer to serve the needs of the organization, especially to facilitate the lecture programs when the program presenter has a power point or slide program but no laptop. Because the library does not have a laptop available for public use, finding or arranging for a laptop is usually quite inconvenient. Ultimately, Vice President LaLonde moved that the BHS purchase the used tape machine from Community Access T.V. and a new laptop computer to facilitate the taping and future re-presentation of the lecture series programs. The motion was seconded by Past President Waldera and passed. It was further agreed

that Kate would explore the laptop market and recommend a specific machine for purchase.

3.) Preparation for BHS participation in the 2017 Band Day Parade:

President Mayer reported that his brother Dan supplied and drove a 1936 Ford, outfitted with BHS banners, in the parade, accompanied by President Mayer and Board Member Mary Baird.

4.) Due to the need to change the date of this year's Founders Day and in order to promote the upcoming members picnic, Vice President LaLonde moved that the Board authorize a special post card mailing to the membership. The motion was seconded by President Mayer and passed.

5.) In the absence of Program Chairperson Snyder, review of the status of preparation for Founders Day was postponed.

6.) Other matter discussed included the following

- a. Rolf Eggers as a possible landlord for a museum facility
- b. Robert Hanna as a possible board member
- c. The future of continuing to publish BHS minutes and newsletter on the internet
- d. The need to complete the SHSND grant for archival supplies; i.e. reimbursement.

Respectfully submitted by Walter L. Bailey, substituting for Secretary Marilyn Snyder.