

Bismarck Historical Society

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of May 17, 2016

Missouri River Room, Bismarck Public Library

Directors Present: Tim Atkinson, Johnathan Campbell, Mike Heyd, Yvonne Kubis, Mike LaLonde, Tom Mayer, Ted Quanrud, Marilyn Snyder, Carolyn Twingley, Ann Vadnie

Directors Absent: Mary Baird, Dennis Boyd, Tom Hesford, Larry Jahnke, Mike McCormack, Tom Stromme, Kate Waldera

Also in Attendance: Walt Bailey (Exec. Director), Shane and Abbie Balkowitsch, Bob Hanna

Call to Order and Financial Reports

President Tom Mayer called the meeting to order. The minutes of the April meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Mike LaLonde and second by Carolyn Twingley, the minutes were approved. Upon motion by Carolyn Twingley and second by Mike LaLonde, the April financial report, including Balance Sheet, P&L, and BNC Bank statement, with \$22,291.10 in the account were approved.

Ongoing Business

Membership – Walt Bailey reported that there are a total of 253 members with one new business membership and new and renewing members as compared to 241 last month.

Newsletter – Chair Ann Vadnie reminded members that the deadline for submission of materials for the newsletter is July 11. The next newsletter possibly will be a continuation of the Gannon House article and Ann is pursuing information on two of the old families, the Hedahls and Woodmansees, for future publications. Ann also let the Board know that we would be giving 5 of the Bismarck Schools books for prizes at the North Dakota Retired Teachers convention in Bismarck.

Web Page, Social Media and E-Mail – Chair Johnathan Campbell reported little activity on sites but had received an inquiry on what business was in the current Knowles Jewelry building between 1902 and 1907.

Calendar Committee – Chair Ted Quanrud asked Mike LaLonde to select one of his dad's photos for use in the upcoming calendar. Ted is writing captions for the pictures and the committee hopes to have the calendars in stores by September.

Programs – Chair Marilyn Snyder told the board 865 people had attended Founders Day this year. Comments from participants were all positive. A discussion on possible changes brought up having the cake cutting at the beginning of the event and serving cake throughout the afternoon. The next program is the Members Picnic on August 17 at Sertoma Park.

Collections – Chair Carolyn Twingley thanked Mike Heyd for designing a gift agreement and a cataloguing worksheet for use by the committee. A General Mills Cookbook probably from the 1930's or 1940's was given to the Board by Marge Koppinger. The Collections Committee has received a \$300 grant from the State Historical Society of North Dakota to purchase archival supplies.

Vision Committee– No report

Nominations Committee – No report

Cookbook Committee – Carolyn Twingley reported the committee has been meeting regularly at the Public Library and is progressing nicely. The next meeting will be June 30 at 2:00 p.m. Marilyn Snyder requested the Board purchase a hand scanner for use in copying recipes and pictures for the cookbook. The Board agreed to this request.

Business

Guests Shane and Abbie Balkowitsch brought information on a photo shoot resulting in glass plates of photos from a "Murderers Gulch" set-up. The shoot will take place Saturday, June 11, in a downtown alley. Glass plates and prints will be given to the sponsors and people taking part in the shoot. Shane asked for the support of the Bismarck Historical Society and for a speaker at the unofficial reception following the shoot. Walt Bailey volunteered to talk about "Bloody Fourth" and the Board, with a motion by Ann Vadnie and second by Ted Quanrud, agreed to support Shane's endeavors. Motion carried.

Rob Hanna came to the Board to let them know he will be presenting his downtown walking tour again this year on June 19 at 1:00 p.m. in conjunction with the grand opening of the children's playroom in the attic of the Former Governors Mansion. Rob is asking the Board to think about new ideas for a tour for next summer. He can be reached at rhanna@nd.gov.

Treasurer Yvonne Kubish brought up the \$1,000 account at Wells Fargo and what to do with it. On a motion by Ann Vadnie and second by Mike LaLonde, the Board agreed to take off any existing signatures and replace them with the signatures of Walt Bailey and Marilyn Snyder and to use the money for program needs and small purchases or event change. Motion carried.

Johnathan Campbell invited the board members to attend the Open House for the play room in the attic of the Former Governors Mansion on Sunday, June 19 and invited the Board to set up a membership and information table from 1 – 4 p.m.

Executive Director Walt Bailey informed the Board that a meeting of the Executive Committee and the Vision Committee are necessary and should be called soon.

The next regular Board of Directors will be held at the Library on June 21, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,