

Walsh County Historical Society

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Minutes 8-10-22

The Walsh County Historical Society held a meeting on August 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm at Heritage Village in Grafton, ND. President Darryl Campbell called the meeting to order. The pledge of Allegiance was recited and the consent agenda was approved. In attendance were: Julie Campbell- Treasurer, Shannon Brazil, Tracy Laaveg, Scott Boura and Shirley Burns.

There being no minutes from the previous meeting available, none were recited. Julie presented the Treasurer's report and it was accepted.

President Campbell thanked Betty Koehmstedt for taking the secretary position, but announced that she wanted to resign. He also announced that Tracy Laaveg had agreed to take the position. Motion was made by Shirley and 2nd by Julie to accept Betty's resignation and appoint Tracy. MC.

Heritage Village Report: Darryl mentioned that the following projects had been completed:

- Painting the floor of Ole's Morton building with epoxy paint
- Kid's farmers Market on 8/9/11 – the firemen sponsored carousel rides. There was great attendance and response to this event
- Shelving was moved from the old True Value building to the new library building. More is available and will be installed in the Doll House.
- The fence was moved and a driveway access was opened and improved at the 9th street intersection. This will allow better access for bicycles and pedestrians and access to the fire hydrant. A Push-Pedal-pull promotion is planned for the next farmers market to publicize this new access.
- Metal siding was donated from the Blue Line Club after the Centennial Center was re-sided. It will be stored for later use.
- The Elton Ringsack, Sr. memorial from UND will be donated to Heritage Village. Elton was the most decorated veteran in ND from WWII, and a memorial was placed at Memorial Union at UND. As the building is being remodeled, the decision was made to remove the memorial. The family graciously agreed to donate the exhibit to Heritage Village. Additional inquiry will be done to determine whether Elton should be included in the Roughrider Gallery at the State Capitol.
- Arthur Mathiason's "Grandpa's Toys" exhibit was also donated to Heritage Village. Arthur worked at the power plant at Grafton City Hall and built ¼ scale replicas of farm equipment in his spare time. The collection is located in the museum in New Salem now, but after disagreement with management regarding the permanency of the donation, the family elected to move the collection to Heritage Village. Darryl is working on a 5-year contract to display the collection.
- Edward Mathison has a g-size train set that he has donated to Heritage Village. It was collected and plans are in the works to determine how to best display this collection.

Minto Museum Report: Shannon reported that the following projects had been completed:

- All windows were installed and the building is in good shape for now.

- Museum Alive was a success. An estimated 700 people attended the event. 2 education booths from the Walsh County Historical Preservation Commission and the State Game and Fish Department went over particularly well.
- Tours have been nonstop since re-opening after COVID. It was decided that phone numbers for Heritage Village tour hosts and hours will be posted at the museum as there have been several visitors who are looking to tour Heritage Village after the museum. Regular hours for the museum are 1-4 on Sundays. Regular hours for Heritage Village are noon-5 on Sundays.
- Maintenance projects upcoming:
 1. Tuckpointing is needed on the inside of the basement. This will prevent water leaks, and improve structural issues and insulation. Estimates have been received showing a projected cost of \$39,000. Historic Preservation Fund Development grant funds may be available for this project. There is a 50% match, but the deadline is August 31. Shannon will look into this.
 2. The Gym needs to be re-shingled/ re-roofed. They received a bid of \$14,000 to use metal roofing.
- 4 new displays were installed with help from NDSU extension & 3 Rivers Soil Conservation summer interns. These exhibits address habitat & animals in the county. Interns did the research and installed the displays with supervision from Shannon. She also reported a possibility of future volunteer hours from summer interns in the future.
- New items are coming in daily, and Shannon continues to work on installing and preserving them.

Website: Tracy reported the website is close to ready. We need to address the membership levels before finalizing.

Membership: it was moved and seconded to increase the annual membership fee to \$25 per year and eliminate the 5-year membership option. Also included in the motion were a change to make the lifetime membership \$100 without reference to age. MC

PO Box – Julie will secure a PO box for the society. Shirley volunteered to check the box and deposit any membership fees that are received when Darryl and Julie go south for the winter. A motion was made to allow Julie to pay the fees associated with securing the PO box and obtaining the necessary number of keys. MC The box # will be added to the website.

Property insurance – Darryl gave an update about the insurance review. It should be conducted regularly in the future

Meeting dates: the next meeting will be December 1, 2022 at Minto Community Center. Future dates will be addressed there as there were so few members present at this meeting.

Newsletter – Julie will work on putting together a newsletter with Susan Shuley at North Valley Vo Tech and Morgan Printing.

Membership – no solid list of members is currently available. Shannon will check with Mary and Darryl will check with Jon (former secretaries) to determine whether a membership list can be found.

Walsh County Grant - \$5,000 was requested plus a ¼ mil from the commissioners. The \$5,000 was received, but the additional mill income has not been received yet. Darryl requested an additional ¼ mil due to increased expenses. No response has been received yet from the County Commissioners

Inventory Software – the possibility of purchasing software to inventory the collection was discussed. A committee was formed to include Darryl, Shannon, Larry, Wally, and Tracy. Betty will also be included as she expressed a willingness to assist with inventory. This committee will also consider storage options for the collection. Tracy will contact SHPO, and Darrell and Shannon will video the collection to get a better idea of the size of the collection.

Financial Software – the possibility of purchasing financial software (e.g., QuickBooks) was discussed. This discussion was tabled to determine the cost and options for nonprofits.

Walsh County Fair – it was determined that we will again have a commercial booth at the Walsh County Fair. Shannon and Tracy will work on getting a sign up sheet and organizing the booth

Shirley mentioned that the Rendezvous Region Tourism Council is looking for sites for the Talking Trails project. They will be seeking businesses to sponsor the sites. The projected sponsorship is a \$500 one-time cost. She will be working on that in the future. Heritage Village will likely be a site on the trail.

Brochures – reprinting of brochures for Heritage Village and Minto Museum were discussed. Verna will be consulted prior to completing this project.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Tracy Laaveg, Secretary

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