



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 7:00 pm

Location: Aggie Alumni Room, Park River Area High School, 704 5th St W, Park River, ND 58270 (on South side across from the Football Field).

Attending: Agatha Frisby, Tracy Laaveg, Sarah Johnston, Denise Bata, Dennis Markusen

Absent: Shannon Brazil, Dick Geiger, Bergit Sobak, Gary Seboe

Chair Frisby brought the meeting to order. Minutes from the 10-11-23 meeting were approved on a motion from Sarah and 2nd by Denise. The financial report was also approved on a motion from Denise and 2nd by Sarah.

Projects:

Admin: - Based on the condition of the financial report and the grant funds awarded and available, it was decided that we should not submit a grant application for the 2024-25 grant year. All present agreed. Tracy will submit necessary information to SHPO in lieu of a grant application. We will continue to work on efforts to complete the projects previously awarded.

Brochure: we still have a good supply available here and in Pembina County. There is also a good supply at the sorting warehouse for ND Tourism, so no need to print new ones any time soon. Sarah will check whether there is a distribution site in the Courthouse.

Geocaching: Chad continues to work on the project. We have new sites for which we have signed permission sheets, but Tracy needs to work on typing up descriptions for them.

Member Ed:

- Sauter School – it has been burned down. Tracy has been in touch with some former students, and they are interested in preparing a booklet. She will touch base with more of them in the future.



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- St Catherine’s Lomice – roof repair/replacement is underway. No additional requests/communications have been received from their board.
 - Arts Across the Prairie – Construction of local installation has begun. There will be a statewide meeting to showcase all of the installations in the spring.
 - McMillan Artifact Collection – both grant applications were denied. Jon is working with Heritage Village to provide alternate housing for the collection. This is on hold for now.
 - Online training/ CLG conference – members were encouraged to “save the date” for the October 6-8 conference in Bismarck. The conference will be held in conjunction with the Mountain Plains Museum Association (MPMA) conference. It was moved by Sarah and seconded by Denise to become a member of the MPMA. The cost for our group will be \$50/ annually. Agatha also shared information about HistoricFunding.com, which may be another resource for preservation funds. Annual Membership is \$85.00. Motion by Tracy and second by Sarah to pay these fees. Motion carried.
 - Summer Events – Summer events were discussed. Potential events will be planned in the Nash area around North Trinity/Sweden marker and in the Warsaw area around St Joseph’s/St. Stanislaus this summer. Sarah will get contact information for the board of North Trinity to help coordinate those efforts. More information will be shared at the April meeting.
 - Hoff School floor was discussed. The Hoff board is amenable to repair of the floor, but additional work is needed to make sure repairs are permanent, which will involve landscaping to improve drainage and foundation replacement. The existing repair will last for a few years, and additional discussions and planning will be done to make sure the property continues to survive.

Oral History: based on a recommendation from SHPO, it was decided to solicit bids from local production companies to assist with the oral History project. Bids were received from Ad Monkeys, Anchor Marketing, and Twin Tandem Studios in Grand Forks. On motion from Sarah and Second by Denise, the Twin Tandem Studios Bid of \$50 per hour was accepted. Tracy will coordinate with vendor and list of potential interview subjects to help scheduling.



Website: The website Walshhistory.org is up and running. Additional improvements and information continue to be added.

Strategic Planning: Ordinance review has not been completed. Tracy and Dick are to review that. Marketing efforts are in the works. Shannon has some ideas and has done work on that and will share that information in the future. Geocaching efforts are continuing. Coordination with Chad Thorvilson, who maintains and installs the caches for us, will continue.

For the Good of the Order: Discussion was held regarding potential Excellence in History application. Tracy will work with Dennis to move forward with that.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,


Tracy Laaveg, Coordinator