



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 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, Dick Geiger, Bergit Sobak, Gary Seboe

Absent: Shannon Brazil, Denise Bata, Dennis Markusen

Chair Frisby brought the meeting to order. Minutes from the 1-17-24 meeting were approved on a motion from Tracy and 2nd by Dick. The financial report was also reviewed.

Projects:

Admin: nothing new to report

Brochure: nothing new to report. Contracts were signed with ND Tourism and they have a good supply on hand at the rest stop sites.

Geocaching: Chad continues to work on the project. We have new sites for which we have signed permission sheets, but Chad has not yet installed them.

Member Ed:

- Sauter School – Tracy has collected and scanned photos and other memorabilia for the booklet project. Interviews with alumni continue.
- St Catherine’s Lomice – nothing to report. Roof project is in progress.
- Arts Across the Prairie – Construction of local installation has begun.
- 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. We will continue to provide info about online training opportunities.



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- Summer Events – Summer events were discussed. Possible sites were again discussed. Agatha will provide the programming. This will be discussed again at the July meeting. It may be a fall event.
 - Hoff School - nothing new to report. It is stabilized for now.
 - North Trinity – the church is in rough shape. Sarah has done some research and had conversations with the membership, but there does not appear to be local support for funding any repair efforts. The building may be too far gone to repair at this point.

Oral History: Twin Tandem Studios in Grand Forks has started interviews.

Website: The website Walshhistory.org is up and running. Newsletters from the Walsh County Historical Society were recently uploaded. We committed to paying ¼ of the upkeep of the site, but when the Historical Society signed the contract, they did not choose the option to have TellWell conduct maintenance, so additional billings will be submitted as improvements are completed.

Strategic Planning:

- Ordinance review has not been completed, and after discussions with Amy at SHPO, there was concern about becoming a fiscal sponsor (due to the increased administrative duties and responsibilities). Tracy and Dick have will review and discuss in the future. For the time being, we will continue to help direct potential grant recipients to potential grant funding and assist with preparation. We also discussed sponsoring a grant writing workshop with NDSU. A consensus was reached to pursue that option.
- 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.