

## Minutes of Walsh County Historical Society

April 18, 2024

Meeting was called to order by President Steve Novak. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Attending: Steve Novak, Mary Kovarik, Robert Zidon, Linda Restemayer, Rod Seeba, Dennis Markusen, Chris Misialek, Wally Ebertowski, Kristian Myrdal, Larry Gunderson, Tracy Laaveg,

Minutes from the January 2024 meeting were distributed and approved as written. Treasurer's report was distributed and approved. As of April 15, 2024, there is \$25,104.12 in checking, \$36,655.54 in savings, and 3 cds with balances of \$19,079.02 (Bremer), \$7,543.05 (Choice) and \$10,009.09 (First United). Larry has negotiated higher rates on the Bremer and Choice CDS, and plans to cash in the First United CD early. This will trigger an approximately \$30 penalty, but will garner more than \$400 in increased interest. This report was approved.

Heritage Village update was given:

- Railroad: Installation is in process.
- They are pursuing the possibility of installing a wheelchair lift
- The Carousel needs some repairs
- Library: shelving was painted over the winter and needs to be installed.
- 40 clocks originally belonging to Uncle Sig have been picked up from UND. Will need to figure out how to display them.

Minto Museum update was given:

- The following improvements are in the works:
  - New Roof on the gym (in September)
  - New gates – replacement of swinging gates with sliding gates (June)
  - New roof on Trappers Cabin (TBD)
- New Displays:
  - WWII – Pacific – Mural to be funded by Legion post 201. Artifacts from soldiers who served in the 164<sup>th</sup> NG from Grafton will be included. This will be a permanent display
  - Cultural Display – The Grafton Band display will be transferred to Heritage Village. In that location will be a display showing various heritage costumes from Norwegian, Czech and Polish (PNA) heritages will be included with describing captioning. This will also be a permanent display.
  - Potato Queen – this will be a rotating (3 year) display including photos and items showcasing the history of the State Potato Queen pageant held in conjunction with the Walsh County Fair.

- Future Projects:
  - Basement tuckpointing needs to be completed
  - Slominski cabin needs some logs replaced
  - One Room Schoolhouse needs windows and paint
  - More investigation is ongoing regarding replacement of the stair lift with an elevator.
  - Museum alive is scheduled for June 29, 2025
  - Annual clean up dates are not scheduled yet.

Old Business:

- The Newsletter was published and mailed out. Newsletters have also been included on the website going back to 1974. Still working on additional updates to the website
- Discussion was held regarding sponsoring a grant writing workshop. Additional inquiry will be done and reported back at the next meeting.

New Business:

- Motion by Dennis M. was made to provide \$7,500 to both museums from the grant and other income that was received from the county. Chris M. Seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held on **July 18 at 7 pm** at Minto Community Center.  
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Tracy Laaveg, Recording Secretary