



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 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, Shannon Brazil, Tracy Laaveg, Sarah Johnston, Dennis Markusen, Bergit Sobak, Gary Seboe

Absent: Denise Bata, Dick Geiger

Chair Frisby brought the meeting to order. Minutes from the 4-17-24 meeting were approved on a motion from Shannon and 2nd by Sarah. Motion Carried.

The financial report was also reviewed and approved on a motion from Dennis with 2nd by Shannon. Motion Carried.

Projects:

Admin: nothing new to report

Brochure: nothing new to report. Brief discussion about adding more sites and a passport to the brochure when reprinted.

Geocaching: discussion was held about joining the ND Geocaching Association. Motion by Shannon, 2^d by Sarah to pursue a Supporting Plus membership (\$20/yr). Members were also encouraged to participate in upcoming events listed on the ND Geocaching Association's calendar.

Member Ed:

- Sauter School – nothing new to report
- Arts Across the Prairie – Construction of local installation has begun.
- Online training/ CLG conference – members were reminded about the CLG conference on October 6-8 conference in Bismarck, and were encouraged to report hours for self-study.



- Summer Events – consensus was to contact North Trinity to see about a summer Event. Sarah will reach out, but has heard rumors that the church may be soon demolished due to its condition.
- Hoff School - nothing new to report. It is stabilized for now.
- Museum Alive – the next Museum Alive event is scheduled for June 22, 2025 in Minto. Discussion was held about putting together more public events to publicize the group and our efforts. A consensus was reached to try to sponsor public events on a quarterly basis, and a committee was formed. Shannon and Sarah will head up the committee to coordinate these events. The Walsh County Fair in October will be the next event.

Oral History: Twin Tandem Studios in Grand Forks has started interviews, but a few things were missed in their initial interviews (e.g., permission forms, photos). A discussion was held about the future of the project and the difficulty we have had with regard to obtaining interviews and completing the process. Discussion was tabled.

Website: The website Walshhistory.org is still up but it appears that few people are visiting it. Additions were made to the Walshhistory.com website (e.g., updated newsletters, etc) and discussion as held about adding events and volunteer opportunities to the website. These points will be conveyed to the Historical Society for review, as they are the administrators of the website.

Strategic Planning:

- Ordinance review has not been completed, but it is unclear whether amendments to the ordinance are wise at this point. No further action is planned on this issue.
- Marketing the Grant Writing workshop was considered and found not to be sufficiently consistent with our goals. Shannon and Sarah will work on marketing through the committee as mentioned above.
- Geocaching see discussion above.

Excellence in History application was submitted successfully. Discussion was held regarding the amount and quality of the support letters submitted.



There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Laaveg, Coordinator