



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 9, 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, Dennis Markusen, Denise Bata, Gary Seboe

Absent: Bergit Sobak, Shannon Brazil, Dick Geiger

Chair Frisby brought the meeting to order. Minutes from the 7-17-24 meeting were approved on a motion from Dennis and 2nd by Sarah. Motion Carried.

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

Projects:

Admin: nothing new to report

Brochure: nothing new to report.

Geocaching: nothing new to report. Sarah was not able to attend the recent ND Geocaching event.

Member Ed:

- Sauter School – TL has been working on gathering historical research and interviews of alumni. Twin Tandem has also done interviews, but have not been finalized yet.
- Arts Across the Prairie – Some site prep work has been completed, but not much else. Planning continues
- Online training/ CLG conference – Tracy attended the CLG conference on October 6-8 conference in Bismarck, and encouraged members to report hours for self-study. She highlighted the need for a volunteer for the 2025 CLG conference and mentioned that the NAPC national conference will be in



Minneapolis in 2026. Encouraged members to consider attending so that we could ensure that we have sufficient grant funds available if people wanted to attend.

- Summer Events – Sarah has reached out to some North Trinity folks, but they do not want people inside the church for liability reasons. Discussion was held about a possible event outside in the summer of 2025.
- Hoff School - nothing new to report. It is stabilized for now.
- Events –The Walsh County Fair in October will be the next event. A sign up sheet was circulated and discussion was held about the success of the drawing for the walsh history books. Aggie secured another set of vol 1-2, and will provide that for this year's drawing.

Oral History: Twin Tandem Studios in Grand Forks has started interviews. Temi, the website we were using for transcription has upgraded, and is now Rev. They do provide human-assisted transcripts for a higher fee, but the transcripts appear much cleaner. Tracy shared that oral history projects are being started by Pembina County and at the State Historical society, and that the SHPO's program encourages children to interview their grandparents. Discussion was held as to what teachers locally may be interested in being involved.

Website: The website changes are ongoing. Walshhistory.org is still up but there have been some emails sent to TellWell to get it shut down. Sarah pointed out that the donation link on the new website do not work. Discussion was also held regarding adding an events/ sign up feature to the website. Aggie had concerns about who would be monitoring the website if additional features were added.

Strategic Planning:

- Ordinance review/Amendment was discussed, but it was determined that grant support is more consistent with our goals that amending the ordinance to provide funding.
- Exposure/Marketing discussion regarding the continued work on this committee is being planned at the fair.



Excellence in History application Jon will be awarded this distinction at a luncheon at the Heritage Center on November 12 in Bismarck. Tracy and Agatha plan to attend. If other members plan to attend, they should notify Tracy. The plan is to travel to Bismarck on the 11th and return home after the luncheon. We will provide travel for John and Jeanine if needed..

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Laaveg, Coordinator