

**Barnes County Historical Society
Thursday, July 6, 2017 5:00 p.m.**

Present: Jantzen, Hochhalter, Wenzel, DeMasi, Flatau, Froelich, Goeller, Winning, Carlson

Absent:

Also Present: Anderson

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Introduction of New Directors: Sandra Goeller and Richard Winning
2. Minutes of June 1 Meeting: Motion by Froelich, Second by Hochhalter—Unanimously approved
3. Treasurer's Report – Balance Sheets, profit and loss statements, bank register. The bank register balance is \$61,062.45. The Dacotah Bank CD balance is \$12,919.28. The Edward Jones balance is \$12,847.66. The Roof Fund balance is \$9,807.72. We need to send financial statements and proposed budget to Barnes County. Wes has been working between 2 and 4 hours per week of overtime. We need to figure out how far the salary is from the salary threshold that does not require overtime payments. This discussion will be tabled until the next meeting. Corinne Wenzel and Allison Veselka are on the payroll as independent contractors but do not work overtime hours.
 - a. Harold Rotunda \$1,900 estimate on April 24 for his services. The bill came in at \$1,600. He indicated that we should have an \$800 review annually and every 5 years and about \$1,600 for the 5 year review. It had previously been about ten years since the most recent audit. The Barnes County Commission determines the audit timeline. Discussion on the audit timeline will be tabled until John Froelich discusses it with the Barnes County Commission.
 - b. Income YTD: \$70,994.17
 - c. Expenses YTD: \$50,828.09
4. Bylaws Revision: Entertain a motion for the following changes: Motion by Hochhalter, Second by Jantzen to make the following changes—Unanimously approved.
 - a. Article 4 Election of Directors, Section 1, changing 4 to 2 directors.
 - b. Article 5 General Powers, Section 2, change 13 members to 9 that includes one appointed county commissioners.
5. Election of Officers: Motion by Flatau, Second by Jantzen to elect the following slate of officers for the 2017-18 year—Unanimously approved
 - a. President: Joe DeMasi
 - b. Vice President: Harvey Hochhalter
 - c. Treasurer: Corinne Wenzel
 - d. Secretary: Gregory Carlson
 - e. The list of individuals authorized to sign checks will include Joe DeMasi, Harvey Hochhalter, Corinne Wenzel, and Gregory Carlson

Committees

6. Gift Shop – We ordered some more dinosaur items. We contacted Payment Spring about a service that will cost \$5 per month that will help us manage gift store sales. It can help manage donations if we set up a free website.
 - a. June Sales: \$314.28
 - b. YTD Balance: \$3,000.00
 - c. John Froelich shared some thoughts from a recent visit to the Museum of the Rockies that we could explore:
 - i. Could we make an agreement with the Eagles Nest Bookstore to sell some of their products here with them receiving a portion of the sales revenue?
 - ii. Could we sell some wafer candy or something similar for the kids?
 - iii. Could we pursue items such as a can koozie with a dinosaur on it?
 - iv. Could we pursue a cap that says Barnes County Historical Society Museum?
 - v. Could we pursue something like playdough that changes colors?

7. Wes's Report

- a. Volunteers – We are very thankful for our volunteers but are running short. There are times during when we do not have any volunteers. Should someone visit the monthly senior supper at the senior center to encourage seniors to volunteer at the museum. Flatau agreed to write a section for their newsletter.
- b. Exhibits and Education – We do not have a lecture this month. We are putting the schedule together for the next lecture season. On Wednesday, August 8, there will be a presentation on the 8mm films. Allison Veselka's project is growing.
- c. Community Outreach—We should participate in the Community Days parade next year with board members riding in the vehicle and some walking behind to hand out cards.
- d. Memberships –Corinne is doing a great job managing memberships. Letters have been sent to businesses pursuing patron memberships. We have received some responses and memberships. We should obtain a list of current members and a list of former members to determine potential new members.
- e. Collections –There is nothing new to report.
- f. Fundraising—We should work with the Eagles Club to set up a spaghetti fundraiser. The Eagles Club supplies the spaghetti for a charge and we would receive the rest of the proceeds if we serve and clean up. We could pursue a golf scramble fundraiser with the Valley City Country Club for some time next summer. Shelly Williamson offered us six prints with the idea that we would auction them off for money to benefit the museum. Someone has offered to sell these items in return for some in kind donations to benefit the museum.
- g. Site Management—Someone will be coming in to look at the central air. We received a letter about some of the items sitting behind the Rosebud Visitor Center. We do not own the building but we own the land and the car sitting up there. We have to sign off on a piece of paper each year certifying the land use. The Historical Society is exploring giving the land to the Sheyenne Valley Scenic Byway Committee. Do we need county approval to do this? The States Attorney indicated that commission approval would be needed. The commission indicated approval for the transfer. The Scenic Byway Committee would pay the transfer fees. Motion by Hochhalter, Second by Winning to proceed with the transfer under the condition that the Scenic Byway Committee covers any fees related to the transfer—Unanimously approved

Business: Next Meeting: Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Froelich, Second by Jantzen—Unanimously approved

Adjourned: 6:23 p.m.