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Minutes of the Board of Directors Annual Meeting Sunday, JANUARY 14, 2024 Woodland Professional Building, Conference Room

Present: Dave Martinek, Sherri Albertson, Jean Rodeck, Jane Lass, Deb MacDonald, Jane Mannon

Absent: Erik Stone, Norm Steen

Guests: Mel McFarland, Midland Days; Donna Finicle, UPHS

Meeting commenced at 2:00 pm with refreshment and general camaraderie.

Meeting Minutes: The minutes from NOVEMBER 29, 2023, meeting were reviewed. No additions or corrections were noted. Jane Lass moved to approve the minutes as written. Jane Mannon seconded. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- Jane Mannon presented the Treasurer's report. A copy of the report will be submitted for the records. Of note: the current checking balance is \$128,889.00; there is \$20,000.00 in the Midland Depot fund; the only expenses were consulting fees for Charise Boomsma and Chuck Severance. The 2023 taxes are in the works.

- We are still holding \$11,000 for the Florissant Park project. The project has been turned over to the County Commissioners. Funds will be forwarded to their account. Jane Mannon suggested that if we hold funds for other nonprofit organizations that we charge a minimal admin fee.

- We will secure a computer in Dave's former office with Quickbooks. The office will be shared by Dave, Midland Days and THE. This will provide a central location for files (historic and membership, etc) and finances.

Old Business:

Status of SHF Grant: The required construction documents are still coming in. The building contractor will be Carl Andersen (Andersen Enterprises). A new metal roof will be installed, along with a new furnace and chimney and extending electricity. Black Hills Energy provided a quote for the gas line access. Renovations/construction will begin in May, 2024!

Breit Awards Banquet: The 2023 Breit Awards Banquet was revisited via a photo presentation. Although everyone enjoyed the Cripple Creek Heritage Museum, Sherri will book the Ute Pass Cultural Center for 2024 due to it being a rent-free venue.

Board of Directors

Officers & Directors: Albert D. Martinek, Chair – Sherri Albertson, Vice Chair – OPEN, Secretary – Jane Mannon, Treasurer - Deb MacDonald, Director - Jane Lass, Director - Jean Rodeck, Director – Eric Stone, Director Norm Steen, Director

*Marion Vance, Honorary Director (2023)
Director Emeritus - Doris "Dee" Breitenfeld (1935-2014)*

- We plan to bring former awardees together to help nominate organizations/individuals for next year's awards. Jane Lass suggested Steven Beech and the Southern Teller County Focus Group.
- The theme of the 2024 awards will be *The Past Defines the Present*.

Review of 2023 Accomplishments: We successfully secured a SHF grant for depot renovation, plus identified a construction company. Held the 6th Annual Breit Awards Banquet. Provided historical information for the UPHS second film titled "The Mighty Midland and the Towns It Built". We will install a plaque from the Gold Camp Victorian Society.

Tour Teller App update: The app is now 8-years old. Karla Schweitzer agreed to be part of the committee as an unpaid volunteer, but not to chair. Donna Finicle suggested Sunrise Media as a company that could assist with the updates.

New Business:

Election of 2024 officers/directors: Jean Rodeck moved that all current board members in the positions of chair, vice-chair, treasurer and directors continue as are. Jane Lass seconded. All in favor. The secretary position is still open and is being temporarily filled by Sherri Albertson.

Status of the Weaver House: After a site visit by several people including THE members and other interested parties and much follow-up discussion - a decision has been made to preserve the house in place and possibly name it as a historic landmark. We may also investigate placing a plaque at the old schoolhouse at the intersection of 24 and 67 in Divide.

A small reading file was available with ----

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on March 27, 2024, 4pm at the Depot Annex.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Albertson – Vice Chair