

Barnes County Historical Society MINUTES  
Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

Present: Steve King, Sandy Hansen, Derek Woehl, Stacy Ingstad, Carol Faulkner

Absent: Shawn Olauson, Lewie Legge, Tom Overn, Alex Jorgensen

Also Present: Wes Anderson, Mary Lee Nielson

Call to Order: Quroum met; thank you cards to multiple donors signed by board.

Agenda

1. Minutes of July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. Woehl made a motion to approve, with Ingstad a second followed by unanimous approval.

2. **Treasurer's Report** – July Balance Sheets, Profit & Loss Statements, Bank Register

- a. Income YTD: \$115,014.77; July \$12,265.32.
- b. Expenses YTD: \$78,524.15; July 22,963.16.
- c. Current Cash Assets are \$285,877.63
- d. Total Liabilities & Equity: \$593,102.37

King pointed out that it is to be expected to see a monthly deficit in the second half of the year as the first half runs surplus due to incoming tax monies from city and county. King will invite BCHS bookkeeper Nikki Nelson to the September meeting for review.

3. **Gift Shop – YTD Income:** \$2,601.78; July \$563.86.

Ingstad will be working with Anderson and Bill Cochran of Bridgetown Imprints on ordering WWII items and creating a special section to go along with our WWII Heritage City designation, as well as vintage t-shirts and items based on past school yearbooks.

4. **Finance/Membership YTD:** \$17,015.00; 50 reminder letters of past due memberships were recently sent out.

5. Wes' Report

- a. **Exhibits and Education:** Presenters are needed for Season 25 of the BCHS Lecture Series. More info will be in the September newsletter.
- b. **Community Outreach:** Nielson presented a list of tasks to be completed for the WWII Heritage City grants. **Victory Garden Mural** – in progress. **Mural on Museum** – completed by Cochran. Bill presented for \$1564, \$300 more than the quote due to difficulties of painting on uneven surface; Ingstad made a motion to pay the bill as presented, with Hansen a second and unanimous board approval. **Panels** – outdoor panels (eight) have been completed and sent to Gopher Signs; indoor panels (nine) are nearly complete. **Installation of panels** – Legge has completed concrete pads for embedded signs. **Brochure** – Kara Anderson of Tourism is working on this with materials taken from panels. **Website** – Macy Schlacht from Tourism will be working on new site and will meet with Hansen, Ingstad, and Anderson on what information is needed. **Signage** – Newman Signs has been contacted regarding street signs as well as extra featuring Heritage City

logo to be used on WWII sites that won't have panels. Newman also gave a quote of \$13,200 for two years for a WWII Heritage City billboard; Nielson suggested if it is lumped in with other signs for VC Tourism there would be a discount on that quote. **Talking Trails** – Nielson is checking into combining the WWII sites with the Bridge sites, working with the company Talking Trails to create a mobile app, dial-in system, web page, admin site, data system and storage cost plus promo video. The proposal is \$10,500 for 20 sites; she will be looking into getting a discount with State Tourism as well as the ND Dept of Commerce for a Destination grant, etc. Nielson mentioned that this entire project is doing very good, grant-wise. The board thanked Nielson for the work she is putting in on this project.

The board reviewed two quotes that may or may not be part of the WWII grants. The first was to have nine reels of WWII Era Times-Record Newspapers digitized for the BCHS website. The cost would be \$1300. Anderson added he would like to add five reels to have the 1880s newspapers done as physical copies are disintegrating. Total cost would be \$2800 minus \$500 with current credit sale campaign. Woehl made a motion to approve having this done regardless of whether \$1300 is refunded from WWII grants, with Ingstad seconding followed by unanimous board approval.

The second quote was for creating a duplicate resin plaque made from the recently unearthed V-12 Anchor Presentation and mounting it onto the anchor on the VCSU campus. The original brass plaque will remain at the museum. Cochran gave a quote of materials and labor for approximately \$350-\$500; Woehl made a motion to proceed with the project with Hansen a second followed by unanimous board approval.

- c. **Site Management:** Cochran had created a Scavenger Hunt/coloring book for use in the museum; the board approved using and payment for it. High school student Reed McConnaughey will be back to a very limited schedule with the start of school, as well as VCSU student Marley Peterson; they have been a great help during the summer. Anderson mentioned there may be help on the horizon with cataloging and will be checking that out with full permission from the board. Anderson also strongly suggested checking out the neighboring museums as a show of support, possibly even doing it as a "field trip" for the board.

Board adjourned at 5:55pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 5:00pm.