

## **January 15, 2025, Bonanzaville minutes**

### **Cass County, ND, Historical Society- Board Meeting**

**Call to Order: Meeting** Called to order by President Bill Erickson at 5:30 PM

**Roll Call:** Bill Erickson, Angela Smith, Kent Lindemann. Brent Haugen, Matt Oye, Mike Novis, Dan Suckert, John Creese, Brian Geffre, Matt Oye, David Grovin, also in attendance were Beth Jansen, Brad Stedman, Patrick Kirby.

Absent: Brock Tallackson, Nicole Rygh.

**Agenda Approval** – Moved Dan, Brian Second, Unanimous approval

**Consent Agenda Approval**-Moved Matt Oye, Dan Second, Unanimous approval

#### **President's Report**

Patrick Kirby, fundraising consultant, is present, and Bill noted that the county gave us a \$100,000 match if we can raise \$200,000 for capital improvements. Bill noted this match is the board's responsibility (with the executive directors' assistance) to raise these funds.

Patrick presented the first steps in how the board can create a fundraising plan to achieve this. The boards first tasks are to determine:

- Who is comfortable asking for money?
- Who is comfortable opening doors?
- Who can be a Cheerleader?

**Action plan:** Get people engaged and personally invested in the organization's mission. Personal or interest alignment is the key. Each board member is tasked with bringing one potential contact who can invest in the organization, assist in making connections, or cheerlead for the organization per month to the board while working to meet the match, opening a door for contact with the executive director.

#### **Finance Committee Report**

This month is a soft close for 2024. 2024 was a good year operationally—but the organization spent more money on the big projects in the village. Investments were up

substantially. There will be adjustments closer to the audit. Brad noted expected shortages in some lines that were offset by unexpected increases in other lines.

### **Collections Committee**

Met today and made decisions about a phonograph and two other items as well as a loan recommendation to the executive director on a request that includes substantial travel.

### **Building and Grounds Committee**

Not much is going on. Arthur Town Hall is waiting on the windows. Next week the insulation will be blown in.

### **Volunteer Committee**

Nothing to report

### **Safety and Accessibility Committee**

Nothing to report

### **Fundraising**

See President's report

### **Old Business**

**Arthur Town Hall:** Everything is pretty much on target for construction and financials.

**Village Center:** Our understanding of what insurance will pay is unclear. They differed \$118,000, but Beth needs to talk to the insurance guy and confirm this is intended for rebuilding the carriage building and not determined by cost of new build.

**Donor Recognition:** Beth created a donor recognition rubric. (See attached.)

Moving forward on the donation rubric for naming opportunities: Brian, Second: Dan  
Unanimous Approval.

### **New Business**

**Introduction to the Collection Standard Operating Procedure and Building Condition Report:** presented to board for informational purposes. A short discussion of how these work ensued.

**Board Nominating Discussion:** Bill, Dave, and Kent will be running for reelection. We need one additional new board member in April.

**Committee formed:** Bill, Beth, and Mike Novis

**Adjourned: Move** to adjourn 6:47, Motion: Dan, Seconded: Bryan, Unanimous Approval.