

## **Dickinson Historic Preservation Commission**

April 23, 2009 – Dickinson Museum Center (Joachim Museum)

Vice-chair Stacie Varnson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Bruce MacDuffie, Stacie Varnson, Jon Brudvig, Robert Allen

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** Quita Hartfiel

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Danielle Stuckle, Director, Dickinson Museum Center; Emily Bradbury, Museum Assistant, Dickinson Museum Center

### **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES**

**Motion:** Allen                      **Second:** Brudvig

To approve the minutes of the February 19, 2009 meeting as read.

**Disposition:** Motion passed on voice vote without dissent.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Historic Preservation Month:** Stuckle passed around educational materials from the History Channel's Save Our History program that could be used and adapted with local information for school programs in May. Varnson volunteered to help adapt the plans and the other commissioners stated they would be willing to help present the program at the schools. Stuckle will contact the schools and let the commissioners know when she needs people to help make presentations.

**Preservation Conference in 2010:** Stuckle stated the 2009 Preservation North Dakota conference is the first weekend in May and that she will be making "save the date" cards for the 2010 conference to hand out at this year's conference. She also mentioned involving realtors and preservation basics as possible topics/themes for the conference. Brudvig suggested using Partners in Preservation as a promotional theme. Stuckle mentioned that PND tries to hold their conferences in historic buildings, so she is looking into using space at the old Elks building. DSU/May Hall was also suggested as a possibility. Stuckle stated that 150-200 people could possibly attend the conference.

Stuckle stated she has several ideas for possible speakers and topics for the conference, including heritage landscaping, Gordon LaFrance and the Renaissance Zone, and the Hutmacher site. She also mentioned that some staff from the SHSND will probably have topics to present. There was discussion about other possible speakers including Clay Jenkinson or Sharon Kilzer, Darrell Dorgan, David Borlaug and Calvin Grinnell. Stuckle stated she will start contacting possible speakers. She also mentioned that the conference usually includes a bus tour, which will possibly involve visiting the Hutmacher site and other sites near it. The Richardton Abbey and the Greek Orthodox church in Belfield were suggested as other possible places that would be interesting to highlight or visit. Stuckle also mentioned that the commission will need to start fundraising to pay for the conference expenses.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Election of new chairperson:** Stuckle reported chairperson, Laurie Yourk, has resigned from the commission, so a new chair is needed.

**Motion:** MacDuffie                      **Second:** Brudvig

To nominate and elect current vice-chair, Stacie Varnson, as chair of the commission

**Disposition:** Motion passed on voice vote without dissent.

**Motion:** Allen            **Second:** Brudvig  
To nominate and elect Bruce MacDuffie as vice-chair of the commission.  
**Disposition:** Motion passed on voice vote without dissent.

**Adjourn:**

**Motion:** Brudvig            **Second:** Allen  
To adjourn the meeting.  
**Disposition:** Motion passed on voice vote without dissent.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:55 a.m.**

**Next meeting:** 9:00 a.m., May 21, 2009, Dickinson Museum Center