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REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings are held at the Associated Bank Building,
Room 103, 176 Snelling Ave. St Paul, MN 55104

This room is off the main hallway of the atrium, before you enter the inside bank.
The meetings start at 10 AM. All are welcome to attend.

November 19, 2011

Christmas Party – December 3, 2011

January 21, 2012

February 18, 2012

March 17, 2012

April 21, 2012

Annual Membership Meeting - May 2012

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IT'S TIME TO PARTY!

GOOD FOOD - GOOD TIMES

See inside for more information

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NEW AND EXCITING NEWS

WE HAVE A BUILDING!

BOARD NOTES

DREAMS DO COME TRUE!

One day during this past State Fair, a gentleman approached a couple of workers and asked if the organization would like a building, after realizing that he was not a nut, or joking, said "sure". Things were put in motion and happened quickly. Pres. Casebolt, along with a few other members went to look the building over, taking an enormous amount of pictures. It was determined that the building would suit our needs. So, Mr. Sam Fudenberg, our Property Search chair was notified. Sam got things rolling as far as meeting with the donor several times and hearing more specifics. The BOD has had several meetings involving this donation, and some of the Board members have visited the site. There are several stipulations that accompany this donation, below are just a couple:

- a. The MTP will lease the property for up to three years or less, for a cost of \$1.00 per year, after the lease is up, we will purchase the building and property (2.04 Acres) for a cost of \$1.00.
- b. The MTP will provide lawn care to the adjoining cemetery during the lease period,
- c. The MTP will abide by Covenants laid **out by St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Lexington.**

Full details of the donation of this property and building will be discussed in length with any interested members.

The donor is William J. Benzick, a local businessman in Roseville. The building is located in LeCenter, MN. It is approximately 5200 square feet, climate controlled with room to set up a display and room to work on our portraits. This building and property have an estimated value of between \$250,000 - \$300,000. ***Hard to pass up!***

This is, as everyone knows, **will be the MTP's first permanent building, initially it will be a** place for us to prepare our portraits for digitizing and eventually displaying once again. They have not been publicly displayed since 1971.

The local community members thus far have shown great enthusiasm towards our being in the area. We have already been invited to attend a couple of community events involving historical themes.

This donation comes at a time in which the organization faces some necessary decisions, one being the fact that we will soon be losing our current portrait storage space, perhaps as soon as 31 Dec 2011. We have sought alternate storage and the costs are very high, Approx. \$14,000 – \$18,000 per year. In addition, our status at the Minnesota State Fair is questionable.

We will be taking possession and start moving in around 01 Nov 2011. With this comes an increased cost of having a building. Any donations are appreciated. At this time, we will be keeping the main headquarters in the office at Associated Bank building in St. Paul. Please contact us if you have questions, we will do our best to answer them. *At some point in time, we will invite anyone interested, to come and visit the building.*

The Board of Directors

Important Announcement

Dues Increase

After a lot of discussion and weighing pros and cons, the Board has voted to increase the Annual dues beginning **May 1, 2012**. We are going to have increased expenses with the acquisition of a building. Some of the expenses are insurance, phone, security system and property taxes. We also have our regular office expenses such as rent and telephone, website, and annual re-registration of our domain name, newsletters and utilities.

It has been seven years since the dues have increased. This board has worked hard to contain expenses and appreciate all the donations that the members have made. Even with those, it is getting harder and harder to make ends meet. We voted on an amount that we felt would be fair to our membership.

Annual dues will go up from \$24.00 to **\$30.00**.

Life membership will increase to **\$300.00**.

However, if you are a senior we have a deal for you:

Seniors 65+ your dues are only increasing from \$24.00 to **\$25.00**.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call 651-379-1849 and leave a message on the recorder. Mary or I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Amy Jensen, Treasurer

Scott County Trail Blazers

Interesting facts of Pioneers Settlers Sketched Briefly

The town of Helena lies on the southern border of Scott County and embraces congressional township 113, range 23. It was settled by Germans principally from the Rhine province. William Nachbar was the first settler. He built the first house on section 5, in November 1854. After him, Jacob and Joseph Schwingler located on section 8. They were followed the next year by Jacob and Sabastian Bauer, Anthon Clows, John Gelchter, John Smits, Valentine Orth, Adam Pfeifer and Joseph Fromm. Vingenz Slawick settled on section 4 in 1854(?). In 1856, among the settlers was Dr. John Landenberger. He established the first store in town on section 29 in 1855. John C. Smith settled on section 11 in March 1855, where he built a house and store. The next year, he had his claim laid out in town lots and named the village Helena.

In the spring of 1856, a meeting was held at the home of William Nachbar to take measures toward erecting a Catholic church. The first religious services were held the following spring at the home of Nicholas Leonard by Rev. Father Weninger. Near this place, a log church was erected that year but was never completed, and a few years later St. Benedictus Catholic church was built about one mile east of the original church site on section 17. The church there in 1867 was a frame building. It was commodious and had a good bell. Rev. Father Cassimierus Hueppe, O.S.F. was the pastor.

September 16, 1855, Anna K. Daughter of William Nachbar was born. This was the first birth in the town.

Reprinted from "The Peoples Weekly" Jordan, MN – July 2, 1925, p 1

Article submitted by Lee Krautkremer, William Nachbar was his Great, Great Grandfather.



MINNESOTA TERRITORIAL PIONEERS, Inc.

INVITE YOU TO THE
2011 CHRISTMAS PARTY

ON

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2011

AT

THE CHEROKEE TAVERN
WEST SAINT PAUL, MN



AGENDA: 11:30AM SOCIAL HOUR
 12:00 LUNCHEON

GIFT EXCHANGE & DOOR PRIZES TO FOLLOW LUNCHEON

MENU: 10 OZ TOP SIRLOIN (SERVED MEDIUM)
 BROILED CANADIAN WALLEYE
 BARBEQUED PORK RIBS
 CORDON BLEU CHICKEN SERVED OVER RICE, (NO POTATO)

Children's and special dietary needs menu available upon request

ENTRIES ARE SERVED WITH A CHEROKEE HOUSE SALAD WITH HOMEMADE DRESSING, BAKED POTATO WITH SOUR CREAM, FRESH ROLLS, BUTTER AND CHOICE OF BEVERAGE, COFFEE, TEA, ICED TEA, SOFT DRINK OR MILK. DESSERT IS INCLUDED.

Please detach and return the reservation form below with a payment of \$20.00 (non-refundable) per person. Please bring an unwrapped toy for "Toys for Tots", an item for the food shelf and, if desired, a gift for the gift exchange.

Mail to: Minnesota Territorial Pioneers
 176 Snelling Ave N. #328
 St. Paul, MN 55104

(Checks payable to the "Minnesota Territorial Pioneers" or MTP.)

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 25, 2011

Questions? Please call the MTP office: 651-379-1849
or Veronica Sletten 651-484-7074



Name: _____ Selection: _____

Name: _____ Selection: _____

Name: _____ Selection: _____

Phone Number: _____ Total Due: \$ _____

(Non-refundable)



WISH LIST

As usual, we are looking to our members for donations of time and money towards some of our larger projects.

Building Fund

Well, we now have a building so we need money and volunteers. As if, you have not heard that before. So, please be generous and help us keep our dream of a museum alive.

Scholarship Fund

The Education Committee is meeting, plans are being made, but we still need donations so that we can award the Scholarship this year. Please help the Pioneers assist a student as they try to further their education.

Please remember that all donations made to the Pioneers are tax deductible. We can send you a donation slip for your taxes.

Past, Present & Future Events

- ✚ **Sept 10** "Wirtanen Farm" Markham, MN
Re-enactment of farm life in Northern MN
- ✚ **Sept 24-25** "Wapiti Rendezvous" Elk River, MN early traders and their wares.
- ✚ **October 14-18** – "Big Muddy" Rendezvous in Winona, MN
- ✚ **February 11-12, 2012** – "Albert Lea Trade Faire" in Northridge Mall.
- ✚ **March 10-11, 2012** "New Ulm Trade Show" New Ulm, MN

DONATIONS

Recipes

Dorothy Herkenratt
John Stevens
Anita Buck
Clifford Christianson
Alice D. Holz
Susan Freseman

We still are in need of recipes before we can start the publishing process. Please remember that we need recipes that are not out of other cookbooks. We also **would appreciate any "helpful hints"** that may have been passed down through the generations or something that you might have learned as you go along.

TIDBITS OF HISTORY:

Early Steamship arrivals: 1850-1855

Highland Mary - Capt Smith - Apr 19, 1850

Nominee Capt Smith Apr 4, 1951

Nominee Capt Smith Apr 16, 1852

West Newton Capt Harris Apr 11, 1853

Nominee Capt Blakeley Apr 8, 1854

War Eagle Capt Harris Apr 17, 1855

Letter dated June 16, 1919 - in Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc. files to M. D. Manning, Wilmar, MN from George Hazzard.

DONATIONS

Ellen Byrne

Knit scarves & washcloths

Grace Rice

General Operating Fund - \$200.00

Martin Kellogg

General Operating Fund - \$100.00

Mary Alice Gagne

In Memory of her father
Robert L. Gagne - \$50.00

Sam Fudenberg

General Operating Fund - \$20.00
Sweet rolls for BOD meetings

Mavis Palmquist

Scholarship Fund - \$50.00
In memory of Earl Palmquist

Ray Johnson

General Operating Fund - \$11.00

Lee Krautkremer

Newsletter article

George Glotzbach

Books: Brown County Artists
"Leavenworth Rescue Expedition - Revisited"

Anita Buck

"Order of the Eastern Star"cookbook-1922

Anonymous

Purchase of the POS system - \$50.00

Joseph Byrne

"Families of No. Central States" Vol 1-8

Eugene L. Heezen

Minature Replica of Original 1901 Log Cabin

Alice D. Holz

In memory of her mother
Cornelia Andrews DuBois

Eugene Ewer

Picture of original Log Cabin

Janice Fitzgerald

Handmade washcloths, baby afghans
and baby sweaters

Katy Johnson

Index cards

Mary Duchene

In memory of Joseph Duchene - \$10.00

Joan & Lew Lambert

In memory of Jeanne & Jonathan - \$25.00

Rob Lambert

General Operating Fund - \$30.00

Martha Olson

General Operating Fund - \$300.00

Anonymous

General Operating Fund - \$\$34.00

Michael Hecht

General Operating Fund - \$50.00

We want to thank everyone for his or her contributions towards the success of the Pioneers. Whether it is monetary or articles, each gift is appreciated, not only by us but also by the generations to come. **Isn't it great that we have a whole page.** Please continue to be generous.

Thank you

Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc.
RECIPE/HELPFUL HINTS SUBMISSION FORM
(ONE RECIPE PER PAGE)

Recipe Category (please circle one)

Appetizers, Beverages, & Dips
Soups & Salads
Breads & Rolls
Vegetables & Side Dishes

Main Dishes & Meats
Desserts
Cookies & Candy
Miscellaneous

Recipe Title

Submitted by:
(PRINT EXACTLY AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR IN THE BOOK)

INGREDIENTS:

List of abbreviations:

C. = cup; tsp. = teaspoon; Tblsp = tablespoon; lb. = pound; oz. = ounces; pkg. = package; pt. = pint; qt. = quart

DIRECTIONS: (PLEASE BE VERY CLEAR AND THOROUGH IN YOUR INSTRUCTIONS)

Any special history/notes on this recipe: _____

If necessary, continue on back of sheet. Please circle OVER

HELPFUL HINTS: _____

FAREWELL – SO LONG THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

We had a different twist to the Fair this year. Just before the Fair started, we were told that this would be our **last year on that site**. When the shock subsided, there was a lot of discussion, anger, disbelief and every emotion that you can think of. This comment was made to us by Pam Simon. She stated that Jerry Hammer and Jim Sinclair had made this decision already. We had no knowledge of any of this. It certainly did not start my Fair out right. We contacted Jerry Hammer after the Fair and as of this newsletter, have not heard back from him. The Log Cabin and our organization have been on the same site since 1897! We built the original log cabin there in 1900-1901 and the current cabin was moved there in 1958. Our founding members of the Pioneers were instrumental in helping the Fair find their current location and obtaining the land for them. I guess that 114 years on the same site does not count for much with the Fair. Pam mentioned that they were going to move the Log Cabin to Heritage Square, where there I do not know. Sooooo..... we are asking the membership to write to Jerry Hammer protesting this move. We have the perfect spot at the Fair and would like to stay there. **Please**, if you want to support this organization, **write**:

**Jerry Hammer, Executive Vice President
Minnesota State Fair
1265 Snelling Ave N
Falcon Hts, MN 55108-3099**

If we can garner enough support, they might reconsider. Contact everyone you know to ask them to write and let the Fair Board know that the Log Cabin and the MN Territorial Pioneers should stay where they are.

We want to thank the volunteers who worked this year, **Lee Krautkremer, Mark Green, Amy Fogelquist, Michael Robin, Norman & Kay Harsila, Gary & Jeanne Hanson, Veronica Sletten, Michele Jensen, Joe Malinovsky, Amy Jensen, Richard MacNabb, Wally London, Teri MacNabb, Mike Robin, Richard Bartz, Karla Komec, Roberta Everling, Richard Sandeen, Frank Braun, Carl Ahlberg and Emilie Casebolt.**

Gene Ewer, Gordon Whitaker, Amy Jensen, Emilie and Alex Casebolt and Richard M., all came, cleaned, and cleaned to get things ready for all to see. I repeat I do not like schools starting before Labor Day. Gordon, Gene, Richard, all returned after the Fair to clean and clean and pack things away. They are very hard workers.

Karla, Richard B Marlene & Sandy Andreson once again played piano and organ; the sing-a-longs returned and everyone left smiling. Some fairgoers even danced their way through the cabin! **Timbre Junction** returned, entertained the crowds and was once again very popular. **Gene Ewer** was kept constantly busy cutting out his paper animals; Marlene **Mechelke** came almost every day to bring back memories of our ancestors tatting doilies and small decorations, showing the younger generation how to wrap that fine thread around their fingers.

I hope that I did not miss anyone. Many of the people volunteer more than once! At the end of the Fair, I am kind of "fried" and am lucky I can find my way home or even remember that I have one. Mary and I really appreciate all the hard work that the Board puts in along with the members who have volunteered throughout the years. This is a great organization and the proof is in the many calls and help that everyone offers. Kudos to everyone!

Bill Casebolt, State Fair Chair

Curator's Corner

Fall is in the air, and that means that the Holiday Party is just around the corner. Time to get ready for the Holiday Season! Since the last newsletter, time has been going by too fast.

Over the last couple of months, I have been promoting the MTP at Rendezvous' throughout the state. In September, I was in Aitkin, MN; it was cold and rainy the entire time. I gave out some of our brochures and applications to those who attended. September 16th – 18th, we were at the Elk River Rendezvous, and talked about Minnesota History and the MTP. October 13th – 16th I was at Winona, MN, and talked with school kids from both Minnesota and Wisconsin. Norma and Doug Mackey, and I talked about the region, the MTP pioneers that settled in the area and what life was like in the early history **of the "Upper Mississippi River" land**. We had a great time at each of these events.

During the Fair, the MTP was told that we might not be at this location for next year. The rumors are that the Fair may be relocating the cabin to Heritage Square. However, we have only heard these plans as rumors. The MTP has been at the same location on the Fairgrounds since 1897. We are trying to fight this relocation. Because we are unsure of the situation, we are planning for the worst therefore the artifacts and antiquities at the cabin are being packed and stored, in case of a move. Quite an undertaking. Mary C and I have packed up many of the items, but still have more to go. We are looking for totes to store these items. – NO, we need uniform totes, versus any someone might send our way.

With the new donated building, it will give us a chance to relocate the Portrait Project and start working on them again. The final agreement details still have to be worked out. In addition, it will give us a place to store and display many of the artifacts and antiquities in the collection. We plan to make this new building a museum.

I have received a number of donation offers and will be contacting them soon. Joseph Byrne of Brooklyn Center, MN has donated eight **books "French – Canadian Families of the North Central States", and "A Genealogical Dictionary"**. Thank you for your donation and these will be an asset to the library.

Richard MacNabb, Curator

TIDBITS OF HISTORY *"Repeat Vows after 67 years"*

Featuring **Thursday afternoon's program of the Territorial Pioneers at the MN State Fair** was the remarriage of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Skeffington, formerly of Northfield but now residing at 3926 Blaisdell Ave S. Mpls. They had been married the longest of any of the 102 couples present who had been wedded more than 50 years, and all of whom were honored guests at the Fair. Mr. and Mrs. Skeffington were married 67 years ago at Hazelwood, MN. The remarriage service was read by Dr. David Bryn-Jones, Trinity Baptist Church, Mpls and Leopold G. Bruenner, St. Paul, played the wedding march. After the ceremony, the bride cut the big wedding cake presented by H. P. Keller, St. Paul, President Territorial Pioneers.

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