

Territorial News

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Annual Christmas Party

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2008

11:00 AM SOCIAL HOUR 12 NOON LUNCHEON

CHEROKEE SIRLOIN ROOM, WEST ST PAUL

FUN, GAMES, BELLS, SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT AND
GIFTS TO EXCHANGE . . . IF YOU LIKE

INVITATION FORM ENCLOSED

Please help us collect for "Toys for Tots" and the Minnesota Food Shelves.
Bring your donations to the Christmas Party.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another wonderful Great Minnesota Get-Together has come to an end. It is always nice to see the members stop by. If you had a chance to attend, I was the fellow dressed in a voyageur outfit. It was fun to meet our visitors and talk with them about the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers.

Over the last couple of months, the national events may have raised some concerns regarding the status of the Pioneers. Although we are by no means Bill Gates, we are holding steady. Many of our projects are still on their way to becoming a reality. However, to continue our journey, we still look forward to donations for our larger projects such as the Portrait Project, the buggy restoration and the Scholarship Fund.

As 2008 comes to a close, the MTP has continued to raise public awareness of our organization through the many Sesquicentennial celebrations. We have had a great opportunity to tell folks that we are still around!

There has been a concern that was brought to my attention. Other organizations *require* that its membership devote some time volunteering within the group. The MTP has a membership of almost 500. We realize that some of our members cannot volunteer due to age, distance, illness, etc. but just six or more hours per year would really help. The Log Cabin is a great place to volunteer for those six hours. Unfortunately, if we do not get the workers we need at the fair, our presence could become a thing of the past.

On a brighter note, the annual Christmas Party is coming up; so I hope to see many of you there.

Richard McNabb, President

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.

All are welcome.

November 15, 2008 10:00 am

December 6, 2008 Christmas Party, Cherokee Sirloin Room, West St Paul

January 17, 2009 10:00 am

February 21, 2009 10:00 am

March 21, 2009 10:00 am

April 18, 2009 10:00 am

May 9, 2009 Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon, Lowell Inn, Stillwater

Secretary's Report

Well, I survived another Fair and now I have to get back to work. I apologize to the members as to the delay in getting back to them during this time. I have been playing "catch-up" and the pile just does not seem to be going down. We have started receiving applications for the upcoming year. This is always exciting. I believe that the MTP website, that member **Anne Sladky** is keeping up to date, has been quite a draw. Please check it out, mnterritorialpioneers.org. She submits a data sheet regarding hits, what areas are visited the most, interest, etc., every month. She should be commended for keeping it up to date and so interesting. She is doing a GREAT job!

As I think about what I should be writing to you about, the mundane aspect of the Secretary's job is that I sort papers, file, type up the minutes of the board meetings, write letters, mail membership cards and make sure the database is up to date. I do not think that is very interesting to report on, but that is what I do. I also tend to procrastinate, for which I probably should join the Procrastinator's Club, but that can wait for another day.

I want to thank all the members who caught up on their dues, but...a few out there still owe...
Please check your address label for an asterisk after your name. If you have one, you owe dues of \$24.00 for fiscal year 2008. If you have two, you owe for last year and this year for a total of \$48.00.

You can send them to the address on the front of this newsletter.

Boy, I sure like this new color newsletter. It kind of "POPS" things right out. Once again, we will be meeting at the Cherokee Sirloin Room for the MTP Christmas Party; it is such a fun time! I hope to see you there. I want to wish everyone an early Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mary Casebolt, Secretary

Portrait Committee Report

Richard and I have worked on the temporary storage containers. Four are almost ready for filling. Due to a Legacy Grant received from the Minnesota Sesquicentennial Commission, we have ordered and received an archival storage unit for our portraits. As it is a prototype, we can see where changes might have to be made to be more efficient. It is sturdy, attractive and does what we want it to do. We have in our possession the photos that have been digitized. Some photos will need work to have the shadows removed from them, which is a skilled computer person's job.

We need help packing the photos already digitized and then we can continue with further cleaning, cataloging and digitizing. We are still begging for help with the information that should be with the portraits. This will take research into birth, death records, land records, etc. This is a job that could be done from home on one's own computer. However, letters will need to be sent to the appropriate record places that are not on the internet. There will be help available to get you started.

Please call the office at 651-379-1849.

Mary Vavrosky, Chair

State Fair

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Log Cabin during the 2008 Minnesota State Fair. **Mike Robin, Arlene Oberg Johnson, Mia Hutchinson, Gordon Whitaker, Richard**

MacNabb, Norma Mackey, Amy Jensen, Seraphine Byrne, Elaine Mrak and her daughters, Allison & Rebecca, Joyce Lindgren, Catherine Harrison, David Swanson, Karla Komec, Richard Bartz, Joe Lepsche, Roberta Everling, Lonnie Bellin, JoAnne & Bernie Reisberg, Dick Sandeen, Sam Fudenberg, Frank Braun, Laurie & Ed Pekarik and Bill, Alex & Emilie Casebolt. I hope I did not forget anyone. The weather was hot and then cool and then hot but very little rain, but Bill stayed dry this year at least on the outside!

Lonnie Bellin stopped by to say 'Hi!' and then volunteered to work three shifts! What a guy! He had so much fun the first time; he just could not stay away. A big thank you to our demonstrators, **Gene Ewer** (paper doll/animal cutting), **Marlene Mechelke** (tattooing), **Ted Lau** (corn husk dolls), **Laurie Pekarik** (treadle sewing machine) **Jack Frost** (wood carver), **Reynold Brix** (wood carver), **Peggy Pearson** (spinning), **Gloria Peterson** (weaving on the loom), **Sandy Andreson** (organist) and of course, always welcome, **Timbre Junction** (blue grass band). Once again, **Leona Benson**, contributed homemade aprons and bonnets which are always big sellers. Thanks to Leona, her donation helps the Pioneers make a profit at the Fair each year.

A BIG thank you to **Mia Hutchinson** for doing all the scheduling of the demonstrators. She is a wonderful asset to the MTP. She is always willing to volunteer for any job we may have. She was able to do this from home. I do not know where she comes up with so many demonstrators but keep up the good work! This really takes a load off of our shoulders. She replaces **Ruth MacNabb** who is no longer able to do it. Ruth set the groundwork and she is to be commended on doing such a great job and making it so easy for Mia to assume her duties. **Gene Ewer** pitched in before and after to help clean the cabin and help put everything away. He found us over 10 years ago and has not stopped helping since. He is always there if you need him and he is not even a member . . . yet. One of our frequent Fair visitors, **Joe Malinosky**, lent a helping hand several times when I did not have any MTP volunteers to work. He has spent so much time with us at the Log Cabin he knows almost as much as I do!! Thank you all so much for your help.

The **MTP medallions** were a great hit at the Log Cabin. Due to sales of them and the Sesquicentennial Mugs (which sold out) our sales totals were phenomenal! This is the best Fair we have ever had since I began doing it. We still have a limited quantity left so put in your orders soon. We are very proud of them and how they turned out. They make a great Christmas present, also a good investment. These medallions were the result of a lot of discussion about whether the investment would pay off. To date, we are almost at the break-even point and hopefully when all is said and done, we will realize a profit from the sale of them. But we do need to sell all of them, they are quite collectable.

The members who volunteered and the Board all worked hard to make this Fair special, the Sesquicentennial was very important to all of us. I would like to see more members volunteer in the future. Is 6 hours too much to ask? I look forward to any feedback.

Mary & Bill Casebolt, State Fair Chairs

Notes from the First Vice President

The 2008 Minnesota State Fair is now part of history.

I would like to first thank those volunteers that participated.

I feel the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers have made great strides over the past several years in all areas including the Minnesota State Fair. This is because all of the Board members, who along with others, have shared their many talents and have invested numerous volunteer hours throughout the years. I understand that volunteers do burn out. Their efforts do not go unnoticed, at least not by me. I have seen many people come and go on the Board of Directors and feel each one has contributed something to bring this organization to the attention of many people throughout our state and other parts of the nation.

The interest on the part of the membership is dwindling to the point where it may no longer be feasible to keep the Log Cabin operating. It is interesting to me how this organization with almost 500 members can draw only a small number of people to keep its "premiere" event operating. The Log Cabin activity is one way of keeping the link to our ancestors alive. I personally spend two weeks vacation assisting at the cabin. I know this is *not* an option for most people, but I cannot understand why there is not some way for more of our members to find just six hours out of the year to volunteer. We are thankful for the members and non-members who donate their time to help out. There is NO reason to expect only a handful of people, members and non-members, to carry the whole load. My family, along with several other families and members, have done an extraordinary job volunteering at the Log Cabin.

I realize that other volunteer organizations face the same dilemma. Perhaps in the coming months you can put aside some time to volunteer for the MTP. We would be thankful for anything that you can do for the organization. I am open to your thoughts.

By the way . . . the dates of next year's State Fair are August 27th – September 7th. Now is the time to plan for your six hours of volunteering at the Log Cabin. Give those six volunteer hours as a Christmas gift to the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers.

William E. Casebolt, 1st VP

Tidbits of History

1865: The biggest musical event that year in Minneapolis was the opening of the Pence Opera House, which was situated on lower Hennepin near a lumber sluice. The population of Minneapolis was 250,099 that year.

1884: The first iron ore was shipped from Minnesota, a product of the Vermillion Range. Six years later iron ore was discovered on the Mesabi Range.

Early Preamble to MTP Articles

The original preamble to our articles of organization was as follows.

“Being a part of the advance guard of that grand army of civilization which carried the “star of empire” westward, and of whom it was then said: “Oh hear the tread of the pioneers,

Of nations yet to be;

The first low wash of waves where soon

Shall roll a human sea;”

We deem it proper that the territorial pioneers of Minnesota- they who laid the foundation of our magnificent “North Star State”, and are bound together by ties of brotherhood and sympathy, formed and cemented amid the dangers, trials and privations of frontier life- should, by means of a more perfect and fraternal organization, be brought more closely together; and to the end that the memories and friendships of those early days may be perpetuated, and to assist in the preservation of our history covering that period, and for the formation of a more perfect union and brotherhood, so we do hereby so organize and adopt, and subscribe to the following articles.”

Tidbits of History

Obituary of **Michael Mooney** from the “Irish Times” October 6, 1906:

One of our oldest residents of Minneapolis, Michael Mooney, died Thursday morning at 300 Nineteenth Ave South, which had been his home continually for 55 years. The deceased was a native of King’s County, Ireland, where he was born in 1820. At the age of 18, he landed in New York. In 1855, he came to Minneapolis, where he resided until his death. He leaves a large family, all grown to manhood and womanhood, among whom are John W. Mooney of Minnetonka Mills; Mrs., Frank Kelly, Duluth; Michael, Thomas D. and T.J. Mooney of Copper Hills, Tenn; T (or V) Mooney of Chicago; Mrs. E. H. Sexton & Mrs. Edw. Bergstrom of Mpls. Funeral services were held this morning at St. Charles Church. After Requiem mass at 9:0’clock the interment will take place at St. Anthony Cemetery. Mr. Mooney was a good citizen and father, an exemplary Christian, whose long and useful life was due to good habits and a cheerful and sunny disposition.

MTP SCHOLARSHIP

The Education Committee would like to offer a \$500.00 Scholarship to help offset student education costs for the 2010-2011 school year. The cost of educating our youth is rising each year and the funds are becoming harder to come by. With the present economic picture, it will most likely be even harder to obtain low cost loans. We need to build up this fund so that we can award this scholarship. Please help.

To make this offer, the Education committee is asking the Minnesota Territorial Pioneer Membership for donations to this worthy cause. **Donations are tax deductible.** \$500.00 can make a difference, as amazing as that sounds!

Donations may be sent to the Minnesota Territorial Pioneer office at:

176 Snelling Ave N., St. Paul, MN 55104.

Please note on your check that it is for the Scholarship Fund.



Give a gift of a MTP Membership

This year give the gift of a Minnesota Territorial Pioneer membership for the holiday season! It is the perfect gift for those who love history, especially Minnesota history.

There is a \$15.00 application fee. Once the applicant has been accepted, there is a choice of a Life Membership or an Annual Membership. Please call (651)698-5124 (Tuesdays 9am - 1pm) or email the MTP at mnterritorialpioneers@yahoo.com for an application in time for the holiday season! You can also download an application at our website:

mnterritorialpioneers.org

Rewards of Volunteerism

As a brand new member of the MTP and the Board of Directors, I was very apprehensive when I was asked to volunteer for a couple of shifts at the State Fair.

I must say, once I arrived for my first shift (9:00 am – 3 pm) and was introduced to the job and the people, I immediately started to feel better about the whole thing.

I found that Bill, Mary & Emilie Casebolt along with Rich MacNabb were most helpful in getting me up and running. I worked as the cashier for both Saturday and Sunday, and it was wonderful to see the interest and response to our products. The sesquicentennial medallions were very popular along with the postcards, cookbooks, maps, etc.

Because I was behind the teller cage the whole time, I did not have to answer many questions about the MTP and its collection of artifacts. I did listen to Rich explain the history of many of the items and I learned quite a bit. Now that I have passed the “worker bee” test, I will look forward to working four shifts next year rather than two, and become much more familiar with the products and artifacts.

It was such a wonderful experience that I suggest every member volunteer for at least one or two shifts for the 2009 event. The rewards are quite wonderful. I am even more proud of being a MTP member now than I was at the time I was accepted into membership in the spring of this year.

Sam H. Fudenberg, Board Member

Wish List

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

Portrait Project: The cost of one archival unit needed for storage of the portraits is approximately \$1,300. We did receive a grant that covered the cost of one unit but we need to do matching funds for that amount. Our estimate is that we need at least 40 units.

Scholarship Fund: In order to award a scholarship in the upcoming fiscal year, we need to have \$2,500 in our fund. To date, we have around \$1,100.

MTP Buggy Restoration: We need to restore the buggy back to its original condition. The estimates that we have received come to about \$10,000 for a quality restoration. Last time anything was done to the buggy was about 15 years ago, when an Amish man restored it using imitation leather versus real leather. The seats were originally leather and now are velveteen covered. This is a Studebaker buggy and the value will definitely increase with a quality restoration.

CURATORS CORNER

The Great Minnesota get-together 2008 is now an event of the past. What a great time I had talking with our members and other visitors (from all over the country and around the world). If you did not come to the fair, pictures of "Heritage Square" (taken by Seraphine Byrne) and the cabin will soon be on the website. So check it out and see what you missed!

Again I helped with both setting up the cabin, and with packing away the antiquities and artifacts for another year. Some will not be packed, but will travel to outside events.

I participated at the Zumbro River Bend Rendezvous from September 25th to September 28th, 2008, which gave us a chance to get the MTP name out again. Great time! I will also be going to Winona, Mn. for the Big Muddy Rendezvous October 14th – 19th, to promote the MTP.

Our collection just keeps on growing. Once again, **Richard Bartz** has donated more items. He gave us an "OLD MAID" game by Milton Bradley Co. (from the home of Philip and Florence Peterson, step-grandparents-in-law of Richard Bartz) and a tabletop fishing game (from William and Vesta Burcalow, grandparents of **Judy Bartz**). They also donated a box of "Boyeson's E.Z. Riter Goldloi" pen points (used at St Paul Savings and Loan). **Mia Hutchinson** of Chisago City, Mn. donated a flax Sheath Knife made of wood (from Sweden and over 150 years old), Wood was often used to make many household items, including this tool. **Charles Woehrle** was at the fair last year, and saw our hand-carved water carrier on display at "Heritage Square". He had one in much better condition to donate. So, during set-up at the cabin, he brought in a hand-carved water pail (it was used by Anders Hauge from Sandane, Nordfjord, Norway, dtd from 1850's). From Dallas, Texas, **Dwayne Pond and Louise C, Anderson** (Anderson Welding Company of St Paul) donated a "Brunswick" sewing machine head (ornately decorated), circa 1920. They also gave a framed page from the "Saturday Evening Post" (page 112) dated September 15th, 1919. The print depicts a woman in front of a "Columbia Grafonolas". **James Pothen** of St Paul donated a tabletop wooden file box (circa late 1800's) with divided compartments.

Thanks to all who have donated these items for preservation. Again, the items are a great asset to the collection. See you at the Christmas Party in December.

Richard MacNabb, Curator



Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc.
 invited you to the
2008 Christmas Party
 on
Saturday, December 6, 2008
 at
 The Cherokee Sirloin Room
 West Saint Paul, MN



Agenda: 11:00am Social Hour
 12:00 Luncheon
 Brief entertainment to follow luncheon
 Gift Exchange & Door prizes

Menu: 10 oz Top Sirloin
 Broiled Canadian Walleye
 Barbequed Pork Ribs
 Chicken Cordon Bleu, served over rice, (no potato)

Entries are served with a Cherokee House Salad with homemade dressing, baked potato with sour cream, fresh rolls, butter and choice of beverage. Dessert is included. All steaks are served medium.

Please detach and return the reservation form below with a payment of \$22.00 (non-refundable) per person. (Checks payable to the "Minnesota Territorial Pioneers" or MTP.)

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

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 25, 2008.

Questions? Please call the MTP office: 651-379-1849 (Tuesdays)

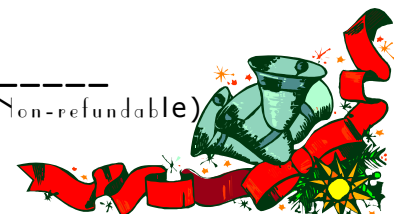
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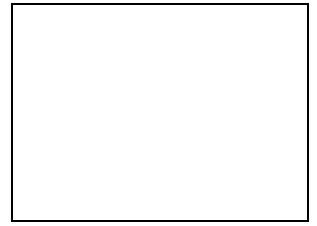
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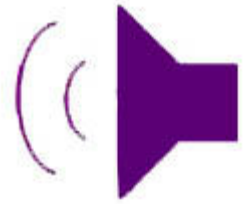
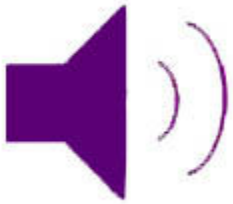
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