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Image courtesy of the Sam Waller Museum

Committee Reports

Digital Initiatives: The Committee is revamping our registration procedures and plans to implement them in the fall.

Education: The Education committee is making plans to hold a workshop on addressing trauma in relation to archival records. Once the workshop content has been finalized, a date will be announced. As well, interest in the archiving of emails is increasing and there are several organizations who are instituting protocols. Once their experience is known, the Education Committee plans to host a workshop on the topic.

Advisory Services: The AMA is currently planning to hire someone to manage Advisory Services. In the meantime, if anyone needs assistance on archival protocol, plans, or questions, they should contact advocacy@mbarchives.ca and arrangements will be made to have someone contact them.

Finance and Grants: Our funding request through the Ministry of Sport, Culture and Heritage has been approved for \$28,400 and the initial \$25,560 has been deposited. This grant with our donations and membership fees this month leave the total incoming funds at 25,675 for June 2022. The total accounts currently equal \$136,326.00.

Indigenous Relations: The 5th Annual Signing Ceremony for the Winnipeg Indigenous Accord was held at Oodena Circle, The Forks on June 28. We encourage you to learn more about the Indigenous Accord and consider joining as a partner. The AMA is entering our 3rd year of partnership in the Indigenous Accord. For more info, please visit:

<https://winnipeg.ca/indigenous/wia/>

Information and Outreach: The Information and Outreach Committee is maintaining social media accounts, as well as providing interim advisory services. Please send any questions you may have to advocacy@mbarchives.ca.

Membership Committee: Membership has completed a survey of other provincial archives associations to review fee structure, member benefits and member categories. The Committee is working towards a proposed revision for the AMA membership structure for the 2022 AGM.

Student Member-at-Large: Students interested in volunteering with the AMA can send an email to ama1@mts.net or reach out to us on our social media.

Special Announcements

Digitization at the Morris & District Museum

The following comes from Lou Erickson of the Morris & District Museum

Last summer, our Morris and District Centennial Museum was fortunate to have the help of Al Thorleifson and staff from Pembina Manitou Archive (PMA) in getting a number of our treasured archival items online for public access. These included several family histories of Morris pioneer families, our “oral history” project interviews from several years ago, some aging scrapbooks of newspaper clippings compiled by older community members, and our recently researched material relating to the sites on our Morris Heritage Walking Trails. Al also did an in-depth study into the background of one of our museum’s most unique and valuable artefacts— an original oil painting of a Blackfoot chief, “Running Wolf, bequeathed to us by Edmund Morris— and wrote it up for us in a monograph which is also now online. In addition, our town’s most dedicated historian, Tim Lewis, gave us free access to all his research into Morris pioneer history, including a detailed catalogue of the earliest “Scratching River” families, businesses, clubs, etc., as well as an index of our Morris cemetery, and a map of the original “river lots” identifying who owned them at that time, and all these have also been put online. Finally, we were able to get copies of our earliest Morris newspaper, called the MORRIS HERALD, from the years 1903-1955, digitised and put online at PMA. We are so delighted to have all this now available for everyone to see, and we hope to continue the process with more of our artefacts going forward.

If you would like to be featured in the AMA newsletter, please contact the AMA!

1000 Residential School Photographs Found in Rome

Raymond Frogner, Head of Archives at the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR), has discovered about 1000 black and white residential school photographs after being given exclusive access to the Oblate General Archives in Rome. The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, commonly known as the Oblates, were heavily involved in the administration of Catholic residential schools where several documented cases of abuse took place. While managing these schools, the Oblates sent records back to their headquarters in Rome. These photographs are examples of such records and will help shed more light on this chapter of Canadian history.

Call for Volunteers

We are always looking for members to join our committees. Volunteering with the AMA is an excellent way to network with archivists, build skills, and shape the future of archives in Manitoba. If you are interested, please contact the Chair, or a Committee chair, at one of the email addresses listed on this page <https://mbarchives.ca/contact>