Over 20 Tri-County Tourism Alliance members attended the annual meeting on Jan. 11 at the White Maid Restaurant and Bar in Napoleon.

Tri-County Alliance holds election of officers at meeting

By Nicole Vander Vorst
The Tri-County Tourism Alliance held their annual meeting on Fri., Jan. 11, 2019, at the White Maid Restaurant in Napoleon.

At the meeting, two officers were elected to another one-year term for the ninth consecutive year. President of the Alliance, Carmen Rath-Wald, North Dakota State University, Logan County Extension agent and Secretary Acacia Stucke, NDSU Emmons County Extension agent, were nominated and elected. The two women have been serving on the board since the group began in 2010. Other officers elected were Clarence Herz, treasurer, Brenda Vossler Nolz, treasurer and Sue Balcomb, historian.

Several topics were discussed among the 20 plus members attending the meeting.

President Rath-Wald mentioned that there is a student who is interested in completing a map project, showing sites in the Tri-County (Emmons, Logan and McIntosh), that people may be interested in visiting. The map would be a tear off sheet, that visitors could pick up at any convenience station, restaurant, or other place they would typically stop.

Carmen also said that a University of North Dakota student, Daniel Pawlak, who is interested in Community Development has assisted in completing several parts of a grant proposal to the Heritage Fund for a nature or recreational walking trail in Napoleon. He will be continuing this project through this coming school semester.

The trail would go along the Dinosaur’s of the Prairie near Napoleon along North Dakota Highway 34.

The group voted on putting into place a set speaking fee for the alliance. The group has been asked on several occasions to speak at events and the executive board recommended a fee schedule of $100 plus mileage payable to the Tri-County Tourism Alliance for the service. Whoever speaks will keep $75 and the alliance will receive $25. While some members thought that the fee was too low, others said that a higher fee would deter some groups from hiring a speaker. The group agreed that the $100 fee was a fair price.

Michael Miller, Director & Bibliographer of the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection (GRHC) at The Libraries of NDSU announced upcoming dates of the Women Behind the Plow Premiere events.

Torie Jones, Collections Assistant at the GRHC Library at NDSU, reported on the north central North Dakota tourism meeting.

Torie mentioned that the group has created “catch phrases” that will help visitors remember what sites are along the routes and will help people search for things to do along the highways.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, Feb. 8, 2019, at Spring Creek Coffee in Lidstone.