Meeting of the Board of Directors
Traverse Area Historical Society
April 10th, 2018 – Registered Society Office (627 Eastwood Ave.)

Attendees: Stephen Siciliano, Jenny Loup, Larry Hains, Julie Schopieray, Sharon Jennings, Jim Warner, Peg Siciliano, Matt Groleau, Fred Anderson

Mr. Hains had to leave during treasurer’s report due to illness

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Siciliano at 6:02 PM.

No revisions to agenda

**Secretary’s Report**: Minutes of the March 6th meeting had been provided to board members prior to the meeting. An adjustment was made changing erroneous title of “February” to “March” minutes. Mr. Anderson moved, and Mr. Warner seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**
• The TAHS account balance is $21,518.68

* Petertyl Fund - $ 5,387.11
* Lautner Fund - $ 5,100.46
* General Fund- $ 11,029.77

•The Petertyl Challenge for March was met.

\*The Community Foundation annual check was received.

\*General Liability and Directors and Officers Insurances are paid up for the next 12 months

\*Fred Anderson moved, and Larry Hains seconded that up to $600 be spent for a new laptop. Motion passed unanimously.

\*Mr. Hains opened a discussion on starting to use the TAHS funds now that we are financially stable. It was pointed out that we are funding the Michigan History Day registrations. He brought up the possibility of having a store front office. It was decided this level of decision should be addressed in a summer strategic planning session.

President’s Report:
\*President Siciliano spoke with Amy Reynolds from Horizon, and from now on any future copies of “Currents of the Boardman” will be provided to Horizon from the TAHS.

\*It was decided that starting with the August newsletter, information for the upcoming newsletter will be due on the 3rd Monday of the month preceding the newsletter. That will be July 16th for the August, 2018 newsletter. Information for the May newsletter will be due April 23rd to allow time to gather information on the TAHS’ summer activities.

\*Ms. Siciliano suggested adding a piece on area preservation issues. It was determined it would be called “Preservation Corner.” For the May newsletter, she will gather information on the Carnegie Building, Central Grade School and the Con Foster Artifact collection.

\*It was decided that Ms. Jennings, Mr. Warner, and perhaps Mr. Hains will attend Tuesday, April 17th Michigan History Alliance meeting at the Leelanau Historical Society Museum. The morning portion is free. If any board member decides to attend the afternoon photo workshop the TAHS will cover their registration fee.

**Committee Reports:**
Marketing – Mr. Groleau reported that he is now able to administer TAHS Facebook posts and e-mail blasts. He will focus on getting member surveys designed.

- He made a list of TAHS publications available, and is awaiting activation of TAHS PayPal account. Mr. Hains will take the final steps to get that activated.

- Mr. Groleau suggested that we have a cash box and starting change for use at programs starting in the fall.

- Mr. Anderson reported on his talks with the TC Arts Commission regarding 10 historic plaques for downtown TC. He is forming a committee with Ms. Siciliano and Ms. Amy Barritt to choose photos/locations for those plaques. He feels the Arts Commission will probably fund production of the plaques, which will be mounted on TCLP poles.

Membership - Ms. Jennings reported that the TAHS has 176 members.

Discussion ensued as to how to inform those with past due memberships. It was decided to continue sending reminders by mail until September. After that reminders will be sent online to those who have email. The reminders will be sent two weeks before the month in which they are due to renew. If they do not respond within 30 days they will be marked non-current. In December a written letter and membership form will be sent to all members who have not renewed throughout the year. If they do not respond within 30 days their membership will be terminated.

Archives - Ms. Siciliano reported that she met with Ms. Barritt and Ms. Ann Swaney to discuss moving forward with sorting the TAHS archives currently in the TAHS Registered Office. Their meeting to sort the archives will have to be in the evening or on a weekend as Ms. Barritt cannot get off work for the task.

Program – Ms. Schopieray will present on Jens Peterson on Sunday, April 15th. Ms. Loup proposed that the May program be three TAHS members presenting on the history of their favorite local historic building/site. (The oral history speaker originally proposed for this program is not available). The speakers may be Richard Fidler, Sharon Jennings, Larry Hains and or Jenny Loup. Ms. Loup will organize a meeting of the tour committee, hopefully for Monday, April 23rd. The goal is to have tour information ready for the May newsletter.

* Ms. Siciliano reported that she and Mr. Siciliano judged at the Regional Michigan History Day competition. Fifteen projects went on to the state competition which will be held on April 28. The Regional coordinator will provide her with the names and addresses of those who went to state. The TAHS can then send them a congratulatory card with a $25 check to cover their registration fee.
* Ms. Siciliano proposed that the TAHS cover the national registration fee of any Regional student who makes it to national. That would be $150.00 per student. Mr. Groleau so moved, Ms. Jennings seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
* Ms. Siciliano said she would contact Tak Ready (TCAPS History teacher) who had asked to discuss some matters with the TAHS.

Publications – Ms. Schopieray has done all necessary actions to get a TAHS PayPal account running. Once Mr. Hains confirms the PayPal deposit, the system should be working.

New Business: None.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at the Society’s registered office.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Siciliano, Secretary