

Meeting of the Board of Directors
Traverse Area Historical Society
December 11, 2018
Society's Registered Office
627 Eastwood, Traverse City.

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

Absent: Larry Hains

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Siciliano at 6:07 PM. There were two additions to agenda:

- * Mr. Anderson's discussion with Up North Live
- *Contact with the Tin Can Tourists

Secretary's Report: Minutes of November meeting had been provided to board members prior to the meeting. Mr. Anderson moved, and Ms. Jennings seconded, that the minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Siciliano gave report that had been provided ahead of time by Mr. Hains.

TAHS account balance is \$25,457.81

-Petertyl Fund - \$ 7,212.11
-Lautner Fund - \$ 296.97
-General Fund- \$ 8,054.86
-CD Investment- \$10,000.00

*TAHS' PayPal services have been upgraded; many thanks to Ms. Loup and Ms. Barritt for handling this. Members and the public can now use PayPal and choose among three purposes for a monetary gift: Membership; A regular donation; or A donation to the Petertyl Fund. Ms. Loup will work out a system for passing payment information on to Mr. Hains and Ms. Jennings.

*Ms. Loup will send out a request for end-of-the-year donations; including mention of the last chance to doubling donations to the Petertyl Fund.

President's Report

*Discussion was held regarding the Strategic Planning goal of improving the TAHS's membership situation. Now memberships can be taken out and renewed online. Mr. Groleau is still working on membership surveys.

*Location of Future Board Meetings: Ms. Loup has arranged for January's Board meeting to be in the Thirlby Room at TADL on Woodmere. This will be posted on Facebook. She will inquire if the second Tuesday of each month in spring is available so that the Thirlby Room can become our regular meeting location.

*Rack Cards: Mr. Hains got the rack cards reprinted.

*Sunrise Rotary Group: Ms. Siciliano contacted this Rotary Group. She will be presenting on the history of the TAHS at their January 9th meeting.

*Communication with TADL regarding the Archives: Ms. Siciliano will meet with the Library Director on December 12th.

*Use of the Society's Office Space: The Sicilianos requested that the TAHS begin to explore a new location for the office in order to free up the current space in their home.

*Mr. Groleau pointed out that the TAHS should have a master list of all passwords; and an inventory of what items are in the office and storage unit.

*Discussion was held about the TAHS's continued involvement with the Tin Can Tourists. Ms. Siciliano will contact Ms. Schopieray about this.

COMMITTEES

*Marketing

--Goodale-Hitchcock Foundation Project: Mr. Groleau explained tentative plans for the TAHS's involvement in creating a small park setting and signage for this site. He provided a sketch of the area and locations of items as well as a written overview of the proposal.

He asked for Board approval, or further direction, on this. Mr. Anderson proposed, and Ms. Siciliano seconded, that Mr. Groleau write up a proposal which will be sent to Traverse City Parks and Recreation Director Derek Melville. Once he agrees to the proposal, it will be presented to the Parks and Rec Commission for approval. Motion passed unanimously.

Based on the approved motion, Mr. Groleau's next step is to approach Gary Wilson for his approval and support, and after that he will approach surrounding neighbors and other "stakeholders" for their review. At that point he will report back to the Board before taking the proposal to the City for action.

--Both Mr. Groleau (from the Assistant City Manager), and Ms. Loup (from City Commissioner Amy Shamroe) have been told that further information or viewing of the Con Foster collection will not be available until an ad-hoc committee on writing a collection's policy has met. The TAHS Board feels that the TAHS should be involved in this process. Mr. Siciliano proposed that the City be contacted as to the TAHS's involvement in this process. Mr. Warner seconded, and the motion passed anonymously. Mr. Anderson volunteered to be the society contact person.

--Mr. Anderson provided:

*An update on the replacement of the State Historical Society sign regarding the Traverse City Ladies Library Association. He is acquainted with the past president of the Michigan Historical Commission, who he contacted. A sponsor has been found for the sign and it soon should be replaced.

*An update on the 10 downtown history plaques. There are issues with TCL & P and how to place the signs on the utility posts. He will continue working with them.

*Information was shared from a meeting he had with a representative from the Traverse Giving Guide. He was impressed with the discussion, and will gather more information on how we could participate in 2019.

--Mr. Groleau reported:

*That the Historical Society of Michigan's northern Michigan Alliance meeting will be on May 21st in Mackinac City.

*That he has attended NMC's Life-Long Learning sessions. He suggested that the TAHS may want to present at these.

*Asked that contributors send in their drafts for the February Newsletter by January 21st. Pioneer poetry, and/or a family history highlight may be added

*Membership

--Ms. Jennings reported we have 153 members.

*Programs – Ms. Loup reported that Peg Siciliano will present the January 20th program as part of the Denno's' DIA Exhibit series; For the May program Russ Soyring will present on the mid-to-late twentieth century development of Traverse City outside of downtown. The Feb. – April programs are still pending.

There is a gentleman who is interested in conducting historic canoe tours on the Boardman. The Board encouraged Ms. Loup to continue her work with this contact.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, January 8th, at 6:00 PM in the Thirlby Room at TADL on Woodmere.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Peg Siciliano, Secretary