

Meeting of the Board of Directors
Traverse Area Historical Society
January 2nd, 2018 – Registered Society Office (627 Eastwood Ave.)

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

Absent: Fred Anderson

Guest: Amy Barritt

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Siciliano at 6:03 PM.

No revisions to agenda

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the Dec. 12th 2017 meeting had been provided to board members prior to the meeting. Ms. Jennings moved and Mr. Hains seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- The Petertyl Account is currently \$4,322.11 The General Account balance is \$17,867.79. Mr. Hains complete report included a bank statement, Profit & Loss Report, and a Balance Sheet (Attachment A).
- A discussion was held over Chris Melkild providing copies of "Currents of the Boardman" to Horizon's Bookstore and perhaps selling them elsewhere. Mr. Melkild's father helped write the book, but the GTPHS (predecessor to the TAHS) holds the copyright. Ms. Siciliano will contact Mr. Melkild.

President's Report:

- Discussion over the Conflict of Interest Policy.

*A motion was made that the first three words of section 3, 4B be removed and that the word "the" would be capitalized. Mr. Hains so moved, Mr. Groleau seconded. The motion passed.

*Conflict of Interest forms will continue being filled out and signed by all Board Members once a year, as per the by-laws. It was agreed that in the future this should happen at the November Board meeting.

* I contacted the Historical Society of Michigan and inquired about future meetings. We are invited to their next regional meeting on April 17, 2018 at the Leelanau Historical Museum. I think it is important that one or more board members attend.

Public Comment was moved to this time due to Amy Barritt's need to leave for another meeting. Ms. Barritt reported on archival activities at TADL. Amy is now the Talking Book Librarian, and her office will be right next to the archives.

*She passed on TADL Director Gail Parsons' thanks for the TAHS' continued financial and volunteer support of the historical archives.

*There is currently a small historic display in a case on the second floor at TADL entitled "Winter in the Archives." This will be a revolving display.

*Ms. Barritt reported on a pending proposal for a summer history display in the main floor rotunda of TADL. A decision on this proposal should occur with a few weeks; it would open around Memorial Day. If the proposal is approved there are several ways the TAHS could assist in this effort, whose probable topic is Bohemians in Traverse City: a) financial assistance for case glass or display construction materials; b) spread requests for items to use in displays; c) assistance with design and set up of display. At the moment this is a one-time proposal.

*Ms. Barritt reported that while new shelving may well be purchased for the archives, it will be in the future and grants and other funding will be sought.

Committee Reports:

Marketing – Mr. Groleau reported that:

*He would like to see a regular newsletter come out four times a year: Nov.; Feb.; May and Aug. Reports will be sent to President Siciliano by Jan. 19th so he and Bill Ruesink can get out a Feb. 2018 newsletter.

*He is continuing to gather information on TAHS participation in Friday Night Live

*Requested that TAHS events be posted on Facebook. Ms. Siciliano will do this. Mr. Groleau will put up some posters.

Membership - Ms. Jennings reported that we have a strong membership of 175 members.

Archives - Ms. Siciliano reported that:

*The office has been straightened and drawers and shelving labeled. She gave tour to the Board. Files in drawers still need to be arranged.

*Once drawers are arranged Ms. Siciliano will call an Archival Committee meeting, potentially made up of herself, Amy Barritt and Ann Swaney. They determine which files to recommend for disposal, which to transfer and which to keep in office.

*Ms. Siciliano and Ms. Loup will sort through the discarded newspapers and determine how to offer them at a Membership meeting for a suggested donation.

Program – Ms. Siciliano reported that the January program is ready to go. Ms. Loup has contacted Crystal at WTCM and there is a possibility of the TAHS doing a regular program. Ms. Loup will arrange a meeting including Mr. Hains, Mr. Groleau and Ms. Siciliano to consider how to approach this.

New Business: None.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at the society's registered office.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Siciliano, Secretary