

Meeting of the Board of Directors
Traverse Area Historical society
September 5, 2017 – 6:00PM – Registered Society Office (627 Eastwood Ave.)

Attendees: Stephen Siciliano, Fred Anderson, Virginia LeClaire, Larry Hains, Sharon Jennings, Julie Schopieray, Jim Warner, Peg Siciliano

Guests: Matt Groleau, Ruth Bay

There were no agenda changes.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the August 1, 2017 meeting had been provided to board members. No changes or corrections were offered. Mr. Hains moved and Ms. Jennings seconded that the minutes be approved. This passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

- 1.) General Account balance is \$7,009.78. Petertyl Account is \$3102.11
- 2.) Mr. Hains reported that we are owed a \$10 refund from the State of Michigan from our unemployment account. Dr. Siciliano stated that he would notify them of our name change and request the refund.
- 3.) Mr. Hains noted that he has sold all copies of "Queen City – Barns, Carriage Houses and Neighborhoods" and "Currents of the Boardman" and wondered about having additional copies printed. The board agreed that he could investigate the possibility and discover the cost to do so. He will report back at a later meeting.

President's Report:

- 1.) Guidestar Website Authorization: Much of this site was updated during the meeting to reflect our current name and the status of the organization. Ms. Schopieray will complete the update later.
- 2.) Movement of Society Property to Storage Unit: Mr. Hains reported that metal frames and books have been moved to the new facility. The yearbooks and phone directories will stay at his home as he will attempt to sell them. He noted that there are two files of corporate records that Ms. Siciliano agreed to go through. She will also discuss the disposition of aerial maps with Amy Barritt at TADL. There is also a collection of books and office supplies which Ms. Siciliano will evaluate.
- 3.) Preparation for Annual Meeting
 - a.) Election of Board Members: Mr. Warner and Mr. Anderson are up for election and agree to run for a three-year term.
 - b.) Nomination of New Board Members: Dr. Siciliano reported that he met with Matt Groleau and Matt has agreed to run for a three-year term. Ms. Siciliano stated that Jenny Loup may be interested in joining the board as well. She will have Ms. Loup submit an application to President Siciliano if she so desires.
 - c.) Bylaws Revisions: Dr. Siciliano submitted a copy of proposed bylaws changes and their rationale, revised as a result of changes proposed at our last meeting. These two documents (Attachments A&B), as well as a ballot (Attachment C), will be mailed or sent by email to all members prior to the annual meeting.
 - d.) Communications for Meeting: Mailed and emailed documents must be sent to the members between September 16 and October 5 as the Annual Meeting occurs on October

15, 2017. In order to be considered, all completed ballots sent by mail or email must be received the day before the election. Members in attendance at the meeting will be able to vote that day.

Comment [B1]:

Committee Reports:

- 1.) Budget – Mr. Hains submitted a proposed budget for 2018 that would be presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting but would not go into effect until January 1, 2018. (Attachment D). There was an extensive discussion of same and changes suggested. Board members were encouraged to email further questions or proposals prior to the next board meeting after they have had time for more consideration of it.
- 2.) Membership – There are currently 178 members which includes 3 new members. Nineteen members that were due to renew, have not done so. Ms. Jennings is leaving for Ireland shortly but states that she will return in time to do the annual meeting mailing for members who do not have email accounts.
- 3.) Archives – Loose Record-Eagles, which the library does not want, are now at the registered office and will be evaluated by Ms. Siciliano for disposition.
- 4.) Program & Events –
 - a.) Ms. Siciliano presented a list of the programs that have been arranged for the 2017-2018 TAHS season on the third Sunday of the month at TADL (Attachment E). She also explained that she needed to unload some of her TAHS tasks as her schedule at work has become more demanding. Ms. LeClaire agreed to monitor the TAHS phone number (231)995-0313 once she has been oriented. She also agreed to having calls of responders to the Monday Record-Eagle historical picture go to the above number. Mr. Hains may take over posting Facebook photos in collaboration with TADL. Ms. Siciliano would also like someone to take over planning of programs (2018-2019) and scheduling tours (2019). Ms. Siciliano also reported that she had contacted Tak Ready and Brandy Reynolds about some sort of school event or contest that we could sponsor with the Petertyl funds. They both suggested that we consider supporting Michigan History Day instead of planning our own event.
 - b.) Mr. Anderson reported on his meeting with the TADL board when a \$500 check was presented in addition to the monthly \$100 we have been donating to support the Archives. His remarks are attached. (Attachment F)

Public Comment: None

The next board meeting will be on October 3, 2017 at the society's registered office

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia LeClaire, recording Secretary