**Traverse Area Historical Society**

**Board Minutes**

**May 4, 2021**

**Meeting called to order** at 6:30pm via Zoom

Attendees: S. Siciliano, P. Siciliano, L. Hains, M. Groleau, S. Jennings, J. Warner, and S. Bowers.

Absent: Jen Loup and Brian McCall.

**Revisions** to the agenda

President Siciliano introduced Sarah Bowers as a potential new board member.  She has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History, worked at Mackinac State Park and has done tours before. She works at TBA Credit Union. S. Siciliano made a motion that S. Bowers be appointed to the Board. J. Warner seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

P. Siciliano’s report was added under New Business.

**Secretary’s Report**

April 13th Minutes – Change phrasing to “Gunton’s Boarding House.  P. Siciliano moved to accept the minutes as amended, S. Jennings seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report**

M. Groleau reported that our yearly revenue is within one percent of what was budgeted and that the 2020–21 budget is on target.

Account Balances as of 4/30/2021 are as follows:

* + PayPal                                   $    823.12
  + General                                $ 21,792.49
  + Julius Petertyl Fund            $ 11,585.53
  + Total Cash Funds                $ 34,201.14

Groleau also reported that he has been trying to contact Derek Melville of Traverse City Parks and Recreation about the Goodale/Hitchcock Foundation project but has not heard back. So, there is no news on a dedication event.

**President’s Report**

An e-mail will be sent to the members of the Historic District Commission asking for information on buildings listed as historic. The board will be informed of any responses.

P. Siciliano was contacted by past-Board Member F. Anderson regarding a Central Neighborhood group that is monitoring discussions on the future of Central Grade School. She will continue monitoring that situation.

The TAHS will cover the registration fees for the District winners to attend Nationals. The board would like to continue to invite the state or national attendees to upcoming board programs in the future. We discussed inviting the winners to our October annual meeting in 2021 and then inviting them to our May meeting starting in 2022. S. Jennings will contact Brent McCall regarding this proposal. This will be discussed further at the June Board Meeting.

Implication of COVID changes: This will depend on TADL’s meeting restrictions.

**Membership Committee Report**: – S. Jennings reports that membership is at 155.

A discussion was held over changes to the membership form. Perhaps businesses should be listed somewhere as an incentive. M. Groleau suggested student membership be kept as an incentive for students who present their Michigan History Day projects at our programs. He also reported that Bree Kerner will assist in design of new membership form. S. Jennings will bring a new draft of the membership form to the next meeting for the board to decide on final revisions.

**Program and Events Committee –** J. Loup reported that the May program will be a virtual tour of the online cemetery videos; it will also serve as a teaser regarding the future cemetery and downtown tours.

**New Business**

P. Siciliano reported on the status of the Archival Shelving project at TADL. She moved that the TAHS provide a $10,000 donation to assist with the cost of the project. S. Siciliano seconded. Motion passed anonymously.

M. Groleau asked about the status of the possible donation to the TAHS from the Women’s History Project when they folded. S. Siciliano will e-mail Amy Barritt and Susan Odgers about that. M. Groleau also reported that he had tried to contact Crystal from the Village at the Commons about their historic State Hospital display, and she has not responded.

Next meeting will be a Zoom meeting on June 1, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58.