**Traverse Area Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting**

**February 7, 2022,**

**Held at the Timothy J. Nelson Innovation Center at Northwestern Michigan College**

Present: S. Siciliano, P. Siciliano, L. Hains, J. Loup, E. Modrall, S. Jennings, J. Anderson, J. Warner, M. McLeod, B. McCall, J. Offenhauser

Meeting called to order 6:38

**Secretary's Report:**

Minutes of January 3, 2023 were circulated. B. McCall motioned to accept minutes as presented, E. Modrall seconded. All approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

S. Bowers’ report was circulated via email to board members.

Balances:

TBA Petertyl: $6,684.31

TBA Checking Account: $16,060.29

Emily's Project: $61,282.03

PayPal: $984.72

Restricted: $67,966.43

Unrestricted: $17,045.01

**President’s Report:**

S. Siciliano asked E. Modrall to provide an update on her Kchi Wiikwedong Anishinaabe History Project. E. Modrall shared information about the multiple grants that the project has received and additional ones that are being sought. She is working closely with the tribal elders of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians to assure the trail plaques reflect the Native voice. There will be six trail markers in Traverse City locations.

S. Siciliano then introduced the History Museum Committee’s proposal to explore the establishment of a history museum in Grand Traverse County. M. MacLeod, J. Anderson E. Modrall, and J. Loup explained the work of the History Museum Committee and potential next steps for the Society. Several possible options were discussed. After lengthy discussion, the Board decided that the committee should be authorized to continue to explore all the potential avenues that had been identified.

B. McCall made a motion to authorize the History Museum Committee to engage in conversation with potential partners in the establishment of a history museum in Grand Traverse County. S. Jennings seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

Our next step will be to develop a strategic plan for the museum project. J. Anderson will seek potential facilitators for such a planning effort with the goal of having a proposal by the next board meeting.

S. Siciliano then asked for a motion to appoint a new treasurer for the society board considering Sarah Bowers’ resignation.

J. Anderson made a motion for the board to make the following changes to the Traverse Area Historical Society's TBA Credit Union account:

The removal of Sarah Bowers from the account and the addition of Jeff Offenhauser

as an authorized signer.

P. Siciliano seconded the motion. All approved the motion.

**Membership Committee:**

S. Jennings circulated the membership report to board members via email.

Current Membership: 148

**Programs/Events:**

J. Loup is working with TADL for spring program scheduling.

**Media:**

J. Anderson said that he is targeting a podcast launch date of February 19th.

Meeting adjourned 8:45