Meeting of the Board of Directors

Traverse Area Historical Society

January 8, 2019

Society’s Registered Office

627 Eastwood, Traverse City.

Attendees: Stephen Siciliano, Peg Siciliano, Fred Anderson,

Sharon Jennings, Jenny Loup, Jim Warner, Matt Groleau, Larry Hains

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Siciliano at 6:05 PM. There were three additions to agenda:

\* Mr. Warner has information on the Con Foster Gun Collection

\*Royal Park World War II Memorial

\*Date for Feb. Board Meeting

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

**Treasurer’s Report**

TAHS account balance is $25,738.30

-Petertyl Fund - $ 7,232.11

-Lautner Fund - $ 300.99

-General Fund- $ 8,205.20

-CD Investment- $10,000.00

\*Mr. Hains met with Matt and Tina Groleau to discuss transferring the bookkeeping tasks and materials to Tina.

\*Mr. Hains presented a breakdown by category showing the percentage, in each category, of 2018 funds that were expended and collected.

\*The Sicilianos made their last matching contribution to the Petertyl Educational fund. They have matched up to $100 per month for 2017 and 2018.

\*Mr. Groleau brought up the need for the Board to plan for specific use of the TAHS’ fund balance, including a time frame for such spending. It was decided that agenda time for this discussion will be set aside at the next Board meeting.

\*Ms. Loup explained that the PayPal function on the TAHS website is working. Payments for membership and donations have been received.

**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.

\*There is still difficulty in finding an alternative Board Meeting location. Scheduling the Thirlby room ahead of time is difficult. Ms. Loup will continue working on finding space at the Library.

\*A discussion was held regarding how the TADL archives will work now that Amy Barritt has moved to the Kingsley Library. There will be a volunteers’ meeting where Ms. Barritt, Katherine Carrier (the librarian taking over volunteer supervision and reference questions) and the volunteers will discuss future activities.

\*A discussion was held on possible space for the materials now in the office at the Siciliano residence. Mr. Groleau, Mr. Warner and Mr. Hains will go to the storage unit to examine what is stored there and decide what non-archival items are no longer needed. It was stated it would be preferable to have actual office space for records and files. On Mr. Hains’ suggestion Ms. Jennings will contact Faith Reformed to see if they still rent space.

\*Mr. Warner shared concerns he has heard that part of the Con Foster gun collection has been taken out of the collection and transferred to private individuals. Mr. Anderson shared that he had spoken to City Commissioner Michelle Howard and Mayor Carruthers about the collection. They both suggested he request a meeting with Penny Hill. He will do so and Ms. Siciliano will also attend that meeting.

\*The Board discussed a request for the TAHS to continue sponsoring a WWII Memorial in the Detroit area. Apparently the former HCTC Board had offered to sponsor the memorial several years. It was agreed Dr. Siciliano would contact the memorial group and explain that the TAHS mission did not align with continued sponsorship.

**COMMITTEES**

**Marketing**

--Please have newsletter information to Mr. Groleau by Jan. 21st. He met with Bree and she is helping layout the February newsletter.

--Hitchcock/Goodale foundations: Mr. Groleau is waiting to hear back from Gary Wilson.

--Mr. Groleau will set up a meeting for himself and Ms. Sicliano with the Minervini Group to further discuss the State Hospital museum plans. He met with Rachel Wicksall and she would like to attend the meeting also.

--He has not been able to work on the surveys yet.

--Mr. Groleau and Mr. Hains met and began the discussion about a possible new cemetery tour for next summer, based on the people covered by Bob Wilson’s Legends book.

--Mr. Groleau reported that Greenleaf Trust management has purchased the old City Hall building at State and Cass. They are proposing the addition of a balcony on the north side of the building.

--He, Mr. Anderson and Ms. Loup will be meeting with Christine Keefe, owner of the 1-2-3 Speakeasy, about a possible event there.

--Mr. Anderson reported:

\*progress with TCL & P concerning the downtown historic plaques

\*continued discussions with UpNorth Media about the fall Giving magazine

\*the new Plaque outside the Lady’s Library Association building is being paid for by a local lawyer.

**Membership**

--Ms. Jennings reported we have 169 members; an increase of 10.

Dr. Siciliano will send her a paragraph to be used in e-mails/letters about membership renewal.

**Programs**

Ms. Loup is close to scheduling a speaker for the February program

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, February 5th at 6:00 PM at the Siciliano residence

The meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Siciliano, Secretary