

Traverse Area Historical Society
Annual Meeting
October 15, 2017 – 1:00 PM – Traverse Area District Library

Prior to this meeting, all members of the society were provided by email or US Postal Services with an agenda, a copy of the current bylaws with proposed changes highlighted in red, an explanation for the proposed changes, and a ballot (See minutes of September 5, 2017 for copies of these documents).

Attendees: See Attachment A

President Siciliano called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM. The members of the board in attendance were introduced: Fred Anderson, Virginia LeClaire, Larry Hains, Jim Warner, and Sharon Jennings.

A copy of Dr. Siciliano's "State of the Society Annual Report" to the group is attached (Attachment B). He made note of upcoming programs and the opportunities for volunteer activities as well. (Attachment C).

Treasurer Larry Hains then presented the organization's financial report. This included the history of the treasury since the present board took over, the recent Lautner Bequest, and the balances of the General Account and the Petertyl Account. He concluded his remarks by presenting a Draft Budget for the society which would go into effect January 1, 2018 if approved (Attachment E).

At this point, Dr. Siciliano opened the meeting to the attendees in order that they might ask questions or voice concerns. Next, he discussed the board's interest in updating the bylaws, especially to reflect the legal name of the organization: Traverse Area Historical Society, the name by which it was known before merging with the Heritage Center in the past. After minimal discussion, Mr. Larry Hains moved and Mr. Fred Anderson seconded that the revised bylaws be officially accepted by the membership. This passed unanimously.

The next order of business was to conduct an election for board members. Current board members, Mr. Jim Warner and Mr. Fred Anderson, had agreed to run for three-year terms. Ms. Jennifer Loup and Mr. Matt Groleau had also agreed to run. When the ballots were counted, all four were elected to the board of the Traverse Area Historical Society.

Attending members were invited to enjoy refreshments prior to departure. The meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia LeClaire, Recording Secretary