

Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Traverse Area Historical Society  
June 6, 2017 - 6:00PM - Registered Society Office

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

Absent: Fred Anderson

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order by President Siciliano. There were no adjustments to the agenda.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the May 2, 2017 had previously been distributed to board members. No changes were suggested. Ms. Jennings moved and Mr. Warner seconded that the minutes be approved. This passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

- 1) IRS Issues: Mr. Hains stated that he had met with CPA Thomas Troost who told him that simplification of our finances means that we only need to use the 990N (E Postcard) from this time on to report to the IRS annually. Mr. Siciliano needs to compose a letter to the IRS informing them of our change of name. Specifications of this letter were provided.
- 2) Complete Financial Report - Current funds show a balance of \$9472, with \$1772 of that being in the Petertyl Account. Mr. Hains provided a **Profit & Loss Statement** of January through May 2017, a **Balance Sheet** as of May 31, 2017, a current **Bank Statement, Check Register** for April and May, and a **Budget Comparison**, showing our actual activity as compared to the accepted budget. These forms are attached (A-E).
- 3) TADL Issues - A discussion was held regarding our relationship with the library. It was desired to have one or two of our members attend the regular board meetings of TADL in order to express our appreciation of their excellent preservation of the transferred archives and to emphasize our desire to continue to support them financially. It had already been agreed that Mr. Anderson would attend the next Library Board meeting at Fife Lake on June 15, 2017 and Mr. Hains agreed to accompany him. After considerable discussion, Dr. Siciliano moved and Mr. Hains seconded that we provide the library with a gift of \$500 from this year's budget at their June board meeting and specify that it be designated for the archives. This passed unanimously. We will continue the monthly \$100 donation to them as well.
- 4) Petertyl Account - A discussion was held regarding the status of the Petertyl account. Mr. Hains felt that it would be appropriate to transfer funds from the general account to this educational account based on our successful fundraising. Dr. Siciliano moved that Mr. Hains be authorized to transfer \$800 from the general account to the Petertyl Account. Ms. Jennings seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- 5) Speaker Gratuities - Ms. Siciliano requested that she be allowed to send a \$50 gratuity to the speakers from September 2016 (Dave Pennington) and November 2016 (Susan Odom) as a show of appreciation. After discussion, Dr. Siciliano so moved and was seconded by Mr. Hains. This passed unanimously.

Chair Report: Dr. Siciliano led a discussion regarding the invitation to affiliate offered by the Grand Traverse Cultural Center. A lively and lengthy discussion was held. Mr. Warner moved

that we table the matter until our board meeting in September. Mr. Hains seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

- 1) Membership - Ms. Jennings reported that current membership stands at 192
- 2) Archives - Ms. Siciliano presented a report on the various volunteer activities being done by herself and other TAHS volunteers. She is working on the Sporre collection and has not yet received the newspapers that the library does not want. Bill Ruesink is working on finding homes for items left over from the old Carnegie office that are not appropriate for the local collection. Ms. LeClaire is extracting information and indexing the Coroner's Records (1897-1965).
- 3) Programs and Events - Tours of the cemetery and downtown will begin mid-June. Publicity has taken place. Lead and assistant guides have been identified. Ms. Siciliano is planning to get stickers for the rack cards that will actually provide information about the tours that might attract additional participants. Nametags for the team have been obtained. Several speakers for the upcoming year have already been identified: In September, Eric Hemenway will speak on Odawa History and in November John Brian will present on Great Lakes Shipping. In March, Sharon Jennings will speak on the History of TCAPS. Other potential speakers were discussed.
- 4) Publications - Regarding the Wilhelm Book, *Traverse City Then and Now*, Mr. Hains circulated a copy of the signed legal agreement between Bruce Wiegand and the Traverse Area Historical Society regarding a copyright issue. A check of \$300 has been sent to Mr. Wiegand.

The next board meeting will occur on July 18, 2017 at the Registered Office of the TAHS. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia LeClaire, Recording Secretary