**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Traverse Area Historical Society**

April 2nd, 2019

Thirlby Room, TADL

Attendees: Stephen Siciliano, Peg Siciliano, Fred Anderson,

Jenny Loup, Jim Warner, Matt Groleau, Larry Hains

Absent: Sharon Jennings

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Siciliano at 6:28 PM.

**Secretary’s Report**:

Motion was made by Larry Hains to approve the March Minutes which had been sent to the Board Members ahead of time. Jim Warner seconded. Passed unanimously

**Treasurer’s Report**

TAHS account balance is $25,196.13

-Petertyl Fund - $ 3,757.11

-Lautner Fund - $ 301.00

-General Fund- $ 6,138.02

-CD Investment- $15,000.00

Funds in CDs (Chemical Bank):  
From:  
-Petertyl Funds = $ 5,000.00  
-Lautner Funds = $ 5,000.00

-General Account = $ 5,000.00

Total = $15,000.00

A. Mr. Hains presented the mail

B. There are no outstanding bills.

C. The Community Foundation check of $1,307.00 should be coming

in soon.

1. Our subscription to the GoDaddy website is about to expire. The Board decided to re-subscribe for 5 years.

**President’s Report**

1. Society’s Storage Capacity: TCAPS does not have space for rent. The Board agreed that it would be a good idea to ask members if they had any space we could use. While we continue looking for office space, we can still look to consolidating the current office “storage” and the cold storage. Ms. Siciliano moved that Mr. Anderson be enabled to rent climate-controlled storage space, 10 x 20, for $156 for month. Mr. Hains seconded. Passed unanimously. Mr. Groleau added that he will have temporary space available after his boats are moved out of storage.
2. Petertyl Fund: In discussing office space, it came up that, in part due to the Petertyl Fund, we would have enough money to rent office space. Mr. Anderson asked that we consider when we will feel that the PF is healthy, and how should we manage it in the future. Mr. Siciliano brought up the possibility of the PF becoming an endowment fund. Ms. Siciliano said she felt the size of the PF had arrived at place with which she is comfortable. Mr. Groleau suggested if the PF was used as an endowment the interest could be used to fund the TADL internship program.

Mr. Siciliano suggested that the allocations for the internships could inform establishing a future goal for the size of the endowment. It was also suggested that the Petertyl Funds could be combined with the Lautner Funds to create a future Petertyl-Lautner Endowment Fund. Mr. Groleau suggested that such an endowment could offer an opportunity to reach out to the Lautner family. As Ms. Siciliano knows some of the Lautner family it was suggested she might contact them.

1. Board Nominations: It was clarified that new board members can be nominated by individual current board members. Ms. Loup said that Brian McCall has expressed interest in being on Board. She will contact him.

**Committee Reports**

1. Marketing

**Museum –** The opening of the State Hospital Museum will be on Memorial Day weekend. The TAHS will need a representative at the opening. He will be out of town, as will Mr. and Ms. Siciliano. Mr. Hains and Mr. Anderson will check their schedules. Mr. Groleau feels it is important that a Board Officer be there.

It was commented that Ms. Jennings is working with Ann Stanton to interview former State Hospital employees. Ms. Loup will give contact information.

**Hitchcock/Goodale Foundations –** Mr.Groleau is in contact about this. The Board agreed it would be appropriate for the TAHS to fund signage for this project, but wants to see sign design and cost figures. Ms. Siciliano offered to write up text for the sign.

**Tours –** In discussing using liability waivers for the tours, the issue of having an official TAHS attorney resurfaced. Ms. Loup knows of someone who might be willing to participate.

**Newsletter –** Mr. Groleau will be out of town at the time the newsletter needs to be pulled together. Mr. and Ms. Siciliano will help collect and review content.

**TIN CAN TOURISTS –** We will send out Facebook and e-mail information; and put information in the newsletter.

1. Membership

Ms. Jennings’ Membership Report noted that the current number of TAHS members stands at 177. This includes seven new members this year.

1. Program and Events

Archives Committee – Ms. Loup and Mr. Anderson requested copies of Society history flow chart.

Program and Events Committee – Mr. Anderson will look into printing up labels for tour information to put on rack card.

Programs - Ms. Loup will be sure to send out Facebook posts and e-mail blasts.

VII. Public Comment - None

VIII. Next Regular Board Meeting on May 7, 2019 at the Traverse Area District Library

IX. Adjournment: Adjourned – 8:17.