**TAHS ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 19, 2019**

Meeting called to order 1:10 PM by Vice President Fred Anderson

Board members present: Sharon Jennings, Larry Hains, Jim Warner, Brian McCall, Fred Anderson

**Presentation of Monthly Program** by Evan Stegenga, “John Brown: Martyr or Madman” who was a 2019 Michigan History Day State Champion. He is a middle school student at Traverse City East Middle School student.

**2019 Annual Report to the TAHS Membership**

Fred Anderson reviewed the 2019 Annual report to the TAHS Membership prepared by Mr. Siciliano:

The theme for our society this year has been the growing number of successful partnerships.

Since 2016, we have had the successful partnership with the Traverse Area District Library. The Library now houses our formerly owned historical archives collection. We support the archives here at TADL through monthly financial donations and through volunteer service. This year we restored our Petertyl Internship program where two students under the mentorship of Peg Siciliano worked on collections during July. The great success of the program means we will look to continue and expand it next summer.

We partnered with the Dennos Museum Center to offer two programs this past year, one in November by Fred Anderson on the history of the Opera House, and the other in January by Peg on the history of the Traverse City Waterfront, linking that history with the temporary Detroit Institute of Art collection that was at the Dennos.

We are currently partnering with the Traverse City Department of Recreation to establish the preservation of the Hitchcock/Goodale farmhouse site at Hickory Hills. Matt Groleau is working with Derek Melville on arrangements and family descendent Gary Wilson is offering to financially support part of the project. The site has been cleared and plans for benches and signage are moving forward to be established in the spring.

Matt and Peg have worked with the Minervini Group to create a state hospital museum at the Commons. While it still is in its formative stages, we have assisted with a historic timeline that is now on display at a possible future location.

We have partnered with Michigan History Days to support area middle school students in their presentations of history. In the past we have served as judges for the school projects. This year, we provided scholarships to all area students to cover their registration fees. This included providing support to our local area national finalist, Evan Stegenga, who was our keynote speaker today. Building these young historians is exciting work and we are looking to expand our partnership with area schools and their social studies teachers in the coming year.

Our most current exciting news on partnerships is two events coming within the next month. The first is the result of a year’s work by Fred Anderson in working with two of our partners, the Downtown Development Authority and the Traverse City Arts Council to install ten “Then and Now” plaques in downtown Traverse City. The plaques will be installed this Monday and the plan is for their official unveiling on Tuesday. The time for the event is on Tuesday, October 22nd at 3:30. All are welcome to attend.

The other news is that the society has been selected to be one of the beneficiaries of the annual Shop Your Community Day on November 9th from 10 to 6. You can do your holiday shopping early and designate TAHS for cash back. A portion of the proceeds from your purchase amount will go towards our society if you designate us.

In addition to our partnerships, we have been very active in terms of programming with our monthly programs September through May and our tours June through October. For a recap of our programming this past year, please refer back to our quarterly newsletters sent out via our email blasts or US mail for our non-email user members.

In terms of our upcoming tours, our last downtown tour for the year will be held on Saturday, October 26th at 10:30.

And our famous Halloween tours of the Oakwood Cemetery are still available. We are offering three tours, two on Sunday, October 27th, one at 1:00 PM and the second at 4:00 PM. The final Halloween tour of the year will be on Monday, October 28th, at 4:00 PM.

**Financial Report and Proposed 2020 Budget**

Larry Hains reviewed the Financial report. He noted that in November 2016 there was a deficit of $6877. Today there is a positive cash position of $26,039.27. He also reviewed the proposed 2020 TAHS Budget:

Ordinary Income/Expense Income

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Book Sales |  | $ 600 |  |
| Membership Dues |  | $ 3,600 |  |
| Walking Tours |  | $ 1,200 |  |
| Donations |  |  |  |
| Unrestricted | $ 7,500 |  |  |
| Restricted (Petertyl) | $ 500 |  |  |
| Total Donations |  | $ 8,000 |  |
| Community Foundation Income |  | $ 1,300 |  |
| Total Income |  |  | $ 14,700 |

Expense

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| Program Expenses |  | $ 400 |  |
| Membership Expenses |  | $ 150 |
| Archives |  |  |
| Donations TADL interns | $ 1,000 |  |
| Donations (TADL) | $ 1,200 |  |
| Total Archives |  | $ 2,200 |
| Exhibits & Collections Storage |  | $ 2,100 |
| Special Events Expenses |  | $ 1,000 |
| Administrative Expenses |  |  |
| Board Professional Development | $ 100 |  |
| Printing | $ 300 |  |
| PayPal Fees | $ 30 |  |
| Insurance | $ 1,100 |  |
| Advertising and Promotion | $ 200 |  |
| Merchant Credit Card Charges | $ 20 |  |
| Dues & Subscriptions | $ 35 |  |
| Postage & Delivery | $ 100 |  |
| Office Supplies | $ 200 |  |
| Telephone and Internet | $ 250 |  |
| Total Administrative Expenses |  | $ 2,335 |
| Total Expense |  |  | $ 8,185 |
| Net Income |  |  | $ 6,515 |

**Election of Board of Directors.**

Ballots were previously sent via email or to those without email by regular US Mail. The names on the ballot were: Sharon Jennings, Brian McCall and Peg Siciliano. No other names were entered for nomination. The three nominees were elected to new terms. 15 votes by proxy or in person were cast for all three nominees.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 PM.