## Meeting of the Board of Directors Traverse Area Historical Society

**December 7, 2021 Zoom platform, due to Covid-19 pandemic**

Meeting called to order by S. Siciliano at 6:32

Attendees: Stephen Siciliano, Sharon Jennings, Jim Warner, Brian McCall, Larry Hains, Sarah Bowers, Emily Modrall

Absent: Peg Siciliano, Jenny Loup

## Secretary's Report:

November 2nd meeting minutes were reviewed. S. Jennings moved to approve the minutes; B. McCall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## Treasurer's Report:

Report circulated to board members previous to the November meeting.

* Account Balances as of 11/30/2021 are as follows:

o PayPal $ 1,005.68

o General $27,688.92

* + Julius Petertyl Fund $ 15,597.32
  + Total Cash Funds $ 37,499.96

The board approved the reimbursement of funds from the Grant account to Emily Modrall for assumed expenses.

## President's Report:

S. Siciliano nominated Dr. Emily Modrall for a position on the Board of Directors. B. McCall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

S. Siciliano requested that the Board consider finding a new financial institution for our bank accounts. He shared recent experiences about customer service at our current bank that was unsatisfactory. S. Siciliano moved to remove our accounts from Huntington Bank. L. Hains second the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board then discussed which institution should be selected as our new bank. After discussing different institutions, S. Siciliano moved to select TBA Credit Union as our new bank. S. Jennings seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of five in favor, one opposed, and one abstained. S.Siciliano, S. Jennings, J. Warner, B. McCall and E. Modrall voted in favor, L. Hains voted opposed, and S. Bowers abstained.

The Board directed S. Bowers as Board treasurer to close the society accounts at Huntington Bank and open the necessary accounts at TBA Credit Union. The account signatories will be the board treasurer, S. Bowers, and the board president, S. Siciliano.

L. Hains and S. Siciliano will gather the old computers from the storage unit and take them to Mad Mikes to recycle and have the company put all the computer data on a flash drive. The Board supports the cost of this project. S. Siciliano suggested that the board should aim to

reduce the items in the storage unit so the society can rent a smaller unit and save on the cost of storage.

# Membership Committee Report:

S. Jennings previously circulated the report to the board via email. Current Membership: 153

# Program/Events Committee Report:

J. Loup had provided a program report prior to the meeting. E. Modrall shared the progress of her historical project of Indian Trail markers and her presentation at the City Parks and Recreation meeting.

The Board discussed future potential programs:

January or March: Brandon Morgen - Oakwood history - can only present on Saturdays. January or March: Peg Siciliano, History of the Traverse City Waterfront

February: Ann Swaney and Anne Magoun on their new book *Beyond Books: Stories of Traverse Area Library History, 1860-2020.*

April: J. Warner's program on musical instruments.

May: Genealogy research and how-to -- Gini LeClaire and the Genealogical Society

# New Business:

We discussed follow up phone messages and emails that needed to be addressed. Adjourned 7:35