

Meeting of the Board of Directors
Traverse Area Historical Society
October 3, 2017 - Registered Society Office (627 Eastwood Ave.)

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

Guests: Matt Groleau

The meeting was called to order by President Siciliano at 6:00 PM.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the September 5, 2017 meeting had been provided to board members prior to the meeting and requested changes were made. Mr. Anderson moved and Ms. Jennings seconded that the minutes be approved. This passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

- 1) The Petertyl Account is currently \$3542.11. The General Account balance is \$12,256.54 and included the recent \$5000.00 bequest from Mary Lautner. Mr. Hains complete report included a bank statement, Profit & Loss Report, and a Balance Sheet (Attachment A).
- 2) Mr. Hains reported that we had received letters from several lawyers regarding possible irregularities of the Debra Kohn estate. It appears that our bequest (Maud Miller Hoffmaster paintings) is in no way involved.
- 3) Mr. Hains consulted Amy Reichart Hansen of Revolution Design & Printing about having copies made of "Currents on the Boardman" and "Queen City" by Bob Wilhelm. She informed him that they could easily be reprinted locally for around \$5.80 per copy. Ms. LeClaire moved and Mr. Warner seconded that Mr. Hains be authorized to obtain 20 copies of each book and that they be sold for \$15.00. This passed unanimously.

President's Report:

- 1) Disposition of Lautner Gift - Discussion involved CD versus Money Market versus leaving the money in the General Account. A suggestion was made that a portion of the funds be earmarked for the library to process the materials that Mary Lautner had donated related to her family. Ms. Schopieray agreed to discuss this with Amy Barritt at TADL to obtain an estimate of the budget this would require. Dr. Siciliano moved and Ms. Siciliano seconded that Mr. Hains be authorized to investigate the benefits of opening a Money Market or a CD for up to one year and then proceed to open a separate account with the Lautner bequest monies. This passed unanimously.
- 2) GTRCC Invitation - The invitation had been tabled at a previous meeting. It was discussed once again and it was decided to table it for the time being.
- 3) Prep for Annual Meeting - Packets for mailing to those who do not use email are ready and will be mailed tomorrow. The majority of the membership will be receiving their information by email tomorrow.
- 4) Future Tours - We had budgeted \$1800 for this year's tours, but participation has been less than predicted. Mr. Hains thought \$600 should be projected for next year. Some suggestions include having future tours being done as "free" for donations only. This would allow advertising in the Ticker and Express.

Committee Reports:

- 1) Membership - Ms. Jennings reported a membership of 180 at this time. She plans to write to the Lautner family to express our appreciation for the bequest recently received.
- 2) Program and Events
 - a) Ms. Siciliano plans to contact John Brian who will give the November talk on Great Lakes Shipping.
 - b) Ms. Siciliano reports that she spoke with Mike Livengood who is involved with the Michigan History Day activities. He explained that this area usually has 6-8 students who qualify to proceed to the state level, but cannot afford the \$25 entry fee. She thought that we should consider this as a good use of the Petertyl Account funds. The board all agreed with this proposition. Dr. Siciliano moved that we notify Mike Livengood of our interest to provide registration fees for up to 10 students to allow their participation in the state competition. Mr. Hains seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - c) Halloween Tours at Oakwood will take place on October 26 and October 30, 2017.
- 3) Finance Committee - A further discussion of the proposed budget, which will be presented at the Annual Meeting, took place. It was ultimately decided to eliminate the Publication line in favor of the Petertyl Account line in the amount of \$1200, as the Petertyl Account can be used for historical publications.

There was no public comment.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at the society's registered office.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia LeClaire, Recording Secretary