**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Traverse Area Historical Society**

**February 2nd, Held online, Zoom platform, due to Covid-19**

Meeting called to order by S. Siciliano at 6:34

Attendees: S. Siciliano, P. Siciliano, S. Jennings, J. Warner, J. Loup, M. Groleau, B. McCall, L. Hains, TAHS member - Michelle Howard (TADL Executive Director)

Absent: none

**Revisions to Agenda**:

none

**Secretary’s Report:**

January minutes amended to include archives report.

B. McCall moved to approve minutes as amended. S. Jennings seconded. All approved.

**Public Comment:**

Michelle Howard, Traverse Area District Library Executive Director presented library updates to the TAHS board as follows:

All the microfilm from NMC has been moved over to TADL Woodmere branch, including tribal records from 1858-1944 Peshawbestown. The records are to be copied and digitized. Handwritten records of birth, marriage, deaths converted to microfilm. The tagging of images or creating finding guides could be projects for TAHS Petertyl interns.

TADL will re-apply for a Grand Traverse Band grant for the archival shelving at the library if they are unsuccessful.

The library will be posting internally for archives staffing with the goal of a potential full-time archivist included in the TADL staff in 2022.

TADL staff continues to be able to accept archival items pertaining to local history but needs additional personnel to process acquisitions~~.~~

Ms. Howard discussed the TADL application for the Big Read grant in conjunction with the National Writers Series. The Dennos Museum will also be hosting a related exhibit in the fall. Possible timing goal of April 22 to kick off on Indigenous People’s Day.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

M. Groleau previously circulated the report via email to board members.

Account Balances as of 12/31/2020 are as follows:

PayPal $ 678.30

General $ 22,990.85

Julius Petertyl Fund $ 11,410.53

Total Cash Funds $ 35,079.68

**President’s Report:**

Newsletter -- information due is to Stephen to get to Bree. ~~by February 27th - 2:00~~.

Dr. Emily Modrall will discuss with the board in the March meeting the possibility of TAHS becoming a non-profit partner for the Traverse City Native History Project.

Book sales: we would need to purchase more copies of Vol. II Legends to sell but only it can be printed at 500 copies or more. The Legends books were produced in software no longer supported and also had some original underwriters. M. Groleau will get the digital copy from Arbutus press. TAHS will not reprint any copies at this time. Books will be put online for sale without Volume II of Legends. J. Loup will update and publish the shop page with shipping costs included.

**Committees:**

**Membership**

S. Jennings previously circulated the report via email to board members. Current membership: 151 members.

**Archives**

P. Siciliano met with former city planner Russ Soyring regarding signage possibilities. He mentioned the upcoming installation of the Rotary Square on the corner of State and Cass streets as a potential location.

**Program/Events**

Brian McCall to present February 27th, 2:00 - J. Loup will confirm with TADL use of their Zoom account. J. Loup will post the program on the TAHS website and Facebook page.

S. Siciliano made a motion to contribute to the TADL Archives for the year pertaining to the microfilm recording of yearly Record Eagle papers. TAHS will contribute 50% up to $1,250.00 of the yearly cost. J. Loup seconds. All approve.

M. Groleau will contact Michele Howard to set up that donation.

Meeting adjourned 8:32