**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Traverse Area Historical Society**

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

Attendees: S. Siciliano, P. Siciliano, L. Hains, S. Jennings, B. McCall, J. Warner, J. Loup, M. Groleau, Rachel Wicksall

Absent: None

Meeting called to order 6:37 by S. Siciliano

**Revisions to Agenda:**

Moved public comment before the President’s report to hear from Rachael Wicksall in regards to a potential local history program for children.

Added to President’s Report - Possible aid for historical society of Midland due to recent flooding. Further discussion on the History of TADL book proposal.

Minutes of the May 5th meeting approved with additions -- a sub-committee was formed to address TAHS publishing of local authors. Members L. Hains and J. Loup. P. Siciliano moved to accept May 5th meeting minutes, B. McCall seconded. All approved.

**Public Comment:**

History Hounds: a program proposed by Rachel Wicksall, TCAPS teacher. She shared a Powerpoint presentation to support kid engagement in local history. Possibilities include Facebook, Instagram, Podcast, Phone apps.

Podcasts could include local interviews, theater group reenactments, perhaps one podcast/month.

Phone apps discussed included Time Warp, geocaching, virtual tours.

P. Siciliano asked about TCAPS social studies guidelines. Ms. Wicksall replied that a group of teachers in Michigan have written the curriculum. Current curriculum includes: in Kindergarten - where you live, Second grade - how you get there, larger community discussed in 3rd grade when Michigan History introduced.

Discussion: B. McCall suggested TAHS defer decisions on new initiatives until the board is able to meet in person.

S. Jennings will approach Rachel to suggest starting small with a specific topic tailored to her age group. The TAHS board will review and content before posting.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

M. Groleau circulated Treasurer’s report to board members previously via email.

Account Balances on 6/1/2020:

PayPal $ 217.95

General $19,598.21

Julius Petertyl Fund $ 6,967.64

Mary Lautner Fund $ 5,507.25

Total Cash Funds $32,173.10

Due to low CD rates TAHS will not return monies to CDs for the time being.

P. Siciliano is identifying mailing addresses for the students who will receive checks for Michigan History Day achievements in 2020.

There are still 3 uncashed checks for 2019 recipients.

M. Groleau’s attorney looked over the tour waiver form and offered edit suggestions circulated previously to the board members via email. M. Groleau will inquire regarding appropriate protocol for having tour-takers sign the forms. And electronic copy of the original form will need to be found in order to make changes

**President’s Report:**

S. Siciliano suggested there be a list and photos of books available for purchase through TAHS on the website. L. Hains has the information, J. Loup will coordinate regarding updating the site.

Discussion of History of TADL book proposal. M. Groleau proposed we decline being the fiduciary entity for the project and suggested TAHS could publicize as a partner, offer a program, and offer support through our social media, email list and Facebook page.

It is suggested that one or two TAHS board members attend Friends of the Library meetings and TADL meetings.

L. Hains and J. Loup will meet as a sub-committee to come up with a proposal for the board regarding TAHS’ handling of publishing books of local historical interest.

S. Siciliano will draft an email responding to Anne Swaney regarding the proposed History of TADL book.

TAHS will not offer financial support for the Midland museum damaged in flooding, however P. Siciliano will send an email blast to members/supporters with the information from the Historical Society of Michigan.

**Marketing Report:**

Marketing report circulated previously via email by M. Groleau.

Discussion regarding charging members for paper copies of the TAHS quarterly newsletters.

S. Siciliano made a motion that TAHS give out hard copy to members that request one, without an additional charge. J. Warner seconded. All in favor.

**Membership Report:**

Membership Report circulated previously by S. Jennings

Member total: 148

J. Loup will meet with S. Jennings regarding member email addresses which may be incorrect.

Information on how to renew online should be included in the form letter sent out to members.

**Archives Report:**

P. Siciliano will inquire and report back regarding the Petertyl internship in the archives at TADL.

Personal covid experiences in the local community are being collected via TAHS email and social media.

**Program and Events Report:**

S. Siciliano’s virtual program for the Old Mission Historical Society went well with one phone call interruption.

Branden Morgan requested as a presenter for the October program. J. Loup will contact.

Tours:

L. Hains requested every Sunday be filed with the city parks use permit in case of cancelations. J. Loup will file.

P. Siciliano, J. Loup to lead downtown tours. J. Loup will also contact Fred Anderson.

Meeting adjourned 8:47.