**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Traverse Area Historical Society**

**October 1 , 2019**

**Thirlby Room, TADL-Main Branch**

Attendees: Stephen Siciliano, Jim Warner, Jen Loup, Brian McCall, Sharon Jennings, Matt Groleau; Fred Anderson; Larry Hains; Peg Siciliano

Absent: none

Meeting called to order by Mr. Siciliano at 6:36

Revision to Agenda: None

**Secretary’s Report**

A. The draft minutes were reviewed

B. Mr. Anderson moved to approve the minutes as amended; Ms. Jennings seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report**

A. Our current assets is $25,741.50

CD’s will all available by March 15. The board will need to decide whether to roll them over or put the money into the general account.

B. Mr. Hains suggested a purchase of an external hard drive on which to store information from the CPUs in storage. -Mr. Groleau will take care of this.

**President’s Report**

A. New Storage Unit – Mr. Groleau reported the he got the printer working. He will work on the remaining electronics and organize the materials. Ms. Siciliano will examine other items and suggest what else needs to be done.

B. Annual Meeting – The annual meeting will be held on October 19, 2019 at 1:00 pm. There are no by-law changes. Ms. Jennings has done the mailings. Mr. Siciliano went over agenda.

Mr. Groleau will send the proposed budget to Mr. Siciliano. Ms. Jennings will bring cider and doughnut holes. She and Ms. Loup will manage e-mailing the agenda to membership.

Ms. Siciliano noted that Ms. Loup has offered to take over as Secretary. A discussion ensued as to how to move some of Ms. Loup’s responsibilities to others, such as publicity, or finding speakers.

Ms. Loup clarified that scheduling at TADL cannot be done until Dec. 1st. A tentative 2020 calendar will still need to be planned at the November Board meeting. Sundays at 2:00 PM was a popular choice.

Mr. Groleau and Mr. Siciliano felt that at their meeting with Gail Parsons and Michelle Howard it was indicated that these are considered TADL Programs. This may mean that we ae able to schedule our monthly programs earlier than December. Mr. Groleau will speak with Michelle Howard about the scheduling and marketing the programs on the TADL website.

Mr. Hains stated he is ready to turn over the Treasurer’s position. Mr. Groleau offered to take the position.

C. Lindberg Donation –

Mr. Hains asked if this money should be put into a separate account. It was decided to put it in the general account. The Board then discussed three possible uses of the donation:

A. New shelving at TADL Archives. This would enable the library to expand its capacity to accept additional collections. Mr. Siciliano received an email about some items from the Bob Hope archives. The library has some funds set aside but there remains approximately $40,000 of remaining cost.

Mr. Siciliano and Mr. Groleau met with Library Director Gail Parsons and incoming Director Michelle Howard. The Directors indicated that the Library Board’s major focus is on repairing the library roof. They suggested we give a report at the next TADL Board public comment. It would be an update on our current support and joint funding. Mr. Groleau and perhaps Mr. McCall will attend the October 17th TADL Board Meeting.

On strategy for raising funds for this project might be in presenting our support in terms of matching funds from other sources.

Mr. Hains noted he was disappointed we were not ready to commit to match TADL's contribution to finish the funding of the shelving.

B. Hitchcock Project: This project is moving forward. See Marketing Report for more details.

C. Cases for artifact items: This may be addressed in the future.

**Marketing Report**

HITCHCOCK – Mr. Groleau met with Derek Melvile. The benches are $1,000; Mr. Wilson is funding one of them. The TAHS is responsible for the Informational signage, which would be put up in the spring, and is estimated to run about $750.00.

GRAVESITE PRESERVATION: Mr. Groleau suggested we use a portion of the cemetery tour donations for cleaning headstones. The cleaning solution for the gravestones is $50 a gallon. He also suggested we could research historical figures without headstones and consider mounting projects to obtain headstones for such figures.

He noted that Oakwood Cemetery Sexton is giving a talk about Oakwood on Friday October 25th  thru NMC’s Life Luncheon program and encourage members to attend.

Michigan History Alliance Meeting – Mr. Groleau surveyed attendees on whether they supported local authors in publishing books. None at the meeting did, or knew of anyone that does. Other attendees suggested using Chamber of Commerce lists for fundraising research.

Mr.Groleau handed out drafts of possible survey contents. Please send him feedback by end of the week.

November newsletter content deadline is Oct. 21st.

**Membership Report**

We should consider how to respond to the Retired Teacher’s Scholarship program. One suggestion was to develop short videos on local history topics.

Ms. Jennings reported we have 162 members. She will be ordering new notecards and has chosen a photo of the miniature city.

She is still having problems getting the membership list. Mr. Groleau, Ms. Loup and Ms. Jennings will work on addressing the problem.

**Archives Report**

Ms. Siciliano indicated this had been covered in the Storage Unit and Lindberg donation reports.

**Programs Report**

November Program will be Ms. Siciliano speaking on the History of the Park Place Hotel

Ms. Loup will get a schedule of the Spring programs and maybe Speakeasy Programs. She is seeking ideas for programs for spring.

Mr. McCall suggested Mark Hoffman as a speaker on Black Eden – Idlewild.

**Plaque Project**

Mr. Anderson reported that all aspects of the project continue to move forward, with probable unveiling in October. Other involved organizations are meeting on October 3rd.

**Public Comment:** none

Next regular board meeting will be held November 5, 2019, 6:30 at Traverse Area District Library.

Mr. Siciliano moves to adjourn -- adjourned 8:45pm.