**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Traverse Area Historical Society**

May 7th, 2019

Thirlby Room, TADL

Attendees: Stephen Siciliano, Peg Siciliano, Jenny Loup, Jim Warner, Matt Groleau, Larry Hains

Absent: Fred Anderson

Guest: Brian McCall

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Siciliano at 6:36 PM.

**Secretary’s Report**:

Motion was made by Mr. Hains to approve the April Minutes which had been sent to the Board Members ahead of time. Mr. Groleau seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report**

TAHS account balance is $27,167.84

-Petertyl Fund - $ 3,757.11

-Lautner Fund - $ 301.00

-General Fund- $ 8,109.73

-CD Investment- $15,000.00

Once checks are delivered, covering History Day Fees, the Petertyl Account will be $725.00 less. (Less anything extra the Board might approve for Ewan Stegenga at Tuesday’s meeting).

Also, assuming that 2 interns are hired for this Summer, the Petertyl Fund could be reduced up to $1,000.00 more.

There are currently no other known outstanding obligations.

**President’s Report**

1. Finalist – A discussion was held about providing additional funding to cover miscellaneous travel costs for the National History Day Finalist. Ms. Siciliano moved, and Mr. Warner seconded, that we send a $200 check for that purpose to the finalist. Mr. Hains moved and Ms. Jennings seconded to amend the motion from $200 to $300.00 The amendment failed 5 votes to 2. The original motion passed unanimously.
2. More Space – Ms. Siciliano will draft an e-mail about office space. It was commented that we should also put the request on Facebook.

Mr. Groleau reminded us that temporary, climate-controlled space will available at his business in two weeks.

1. Brian McCall – Mr. Siciliano moved, and Mr. Groleau seconded, that Mr. Brian McCall be appointed to the Board. Mr. Hains asked Mr. McCall what he would bring to the Board. Mr. McCall has taught history at Interlochen for 22 years, NMC and Ferris State University. He was also on the Art Park Board, and currently is on the Benzie Historical Society Board and soon will become its President.

**Committee Reports**

1. Marketing

Surveys: Currently no progress.

State Hospital Museum: At this point all materials have been provided to Krystal Fluette for the museum. The Memorial Day opening date has been postponed; a new opening date will be announced later.

Goodale/Hitchcock Foundation: Mr. Groleau checked the location to verify that no work has been done that would impact the proposed plan. Everything still looked good so he will be proceeding with contacting interested parties.

Tours: Mr. Groleau and Mr. Hains met to review the Cemetery Tour content and discussed ideas for improving some of the photos used for the tour.

A piece was published in the Michigan History Magazine (May/June edition, page 9) about the historic plaques being done in Traverse City.

He has not been contacted by the Grand Traverse Heritage Alliance group about meeting.

He thanked Mr. Siciliano for taking care of the newsletter.

1. Membership

Ms. Jennings’ Membership Report noted that the current number of TAHS members stands at 177. This includes seven new members this year

1. Program and Events

Ms. Loup reported:

TADL Programs:

Richard Fidler’s program on April 20th had a few more attendees than the March program, but attendance is still down from when the programs were held on Sundays. The May program - Russ Soyring - has been put on the website and posted as an Facebook event. Someone from Marketing should get the information out in the usual channels.

We may want to discuss the day/time of the programs for next fall when we begin again.

Tours:

Ms. Loup reported that she will soon put together a schedule and ask a few tour guides to commit to lead on specific dates up front. Her Saturdays in June are not as free as they were last year, so she will be looking for guides other than herself. Once she is sure there are enough guides to commit to twice a month, she will create the Facebook events and write-ups - for training tours and the tours all summer.

Ms. Siciliano will provide the downtown tour scripts and photos to Ms. Loup. Ms. Loup thanked Mr. Hains and Mr. Groleau for going through the Oakwood tours materials.

She intends to contact a friend who is an attorney and has experience with contracts, and ask her to look over at least the release form we currently have for the tours. Ms.Loup also needs more information on what the TAHS is looking for in an attorney.

Speakeasy Salons:

Seven non-board members showed up in April, a few of which were interested in TAHS membership. May’s event falls on Mother’s Day. If anyone has favorite stories of women as nurturers in the area’s local history, please send them. She will be there again as a guide, and Ms. Siciliano will also be there.

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VII. Public Comment – None. May 21st – Mackinac City Annual HSM Northern Regional Meeting.

VIII. Next Regular Board Meeting on June 4, 2019 at the Traverse Area District Library

IX. Adjournment: Adjourned – 7:45.