**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Traverse Area Historical Society**

**March 3rd, Thirlby Room, TADL-Main Branch**

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

Absent: None

Meeting called to order at 6:32 by S. Siciliano

Revisions to Agenda: none

**Secretaries Report:**

Revisions to Minutes from the February board meeting -- clarification on which money from the CD was returned to which TAHS account; Amy Barrett, S. Siciliano, Anderston all corrected for spelling mistakes.

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

**Public Comment:** none

**Treasurer’s Report:**

M. Groleau mentioned approval is needed for the Innacomp bill from January for Quickbooks assistance. M. Groleau made a motion to approve payment, B. McCall seconded, all approve.

Community foundation sent a notification regarding the amount TAHS will receive for 2020 by March 1st.. $1307.00 received in 2019; $1340.00 will go to TAHS this year.

P. Siciliano will follow up regarding three checks written by TAHS which have not been cashed by previous Michigan History Day students.

M. Groleau mentioned a possible PCI compliance issue regarding credit card numbers processed for payments to TAHS.

The $5,000.00 CD held at Huntington Bank will mature on March 9th and S. Siciliano will retrieve it on behalf of TAHS.

M. Groleau paid the visitors center box fee for flyers.

Meeting with City Commissioner Roger Putnam - M. Groleau sent him a copy of the TAHS newsletter - he will write a piece for the next TAHS newsletter. A description of the meeting is included in the Archivist report sent via email by P. Siciliano.

**President’s Report:**

Email request from Ann Swaney regarding funding of a History of TADL, move from Carnegie building book project. Original request for 2,000.00. Could some of the proceeds come back to TADL if we help fund? Friends of the Library is already involved.

L. Hains mentioned that a book funding policy is needed, P. Siciliano agrees and the forming a sub-committee is discussed.

S. Siciliano will respond to Ms. Swaney and ask about proposed sales, printing, and a possible stipulation of money donated to the archives.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War could perhaps use cemetery support regarding tombstones - Scott Schwander has been cleaning them up -- S. Siciliano follow-up with the organization

-- Civil War veterans interred at Oakwood with no markers -- this summer project (a member made contact at the February TAHS program).

-- Taking part of the TAHS tour donations to directly impact specific cemetery or downtown projects.

S. Siciliano proposed matching Lindburg donation money to the “from tour” donations to create a larger impact.

S. Siciliano will discuss both proposed projects with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. TAHS needs to look at the amount we could contribute, perhaps a percentage of tours.

M. Groleau will connect with a DDA contact.

S. Siciliano made a motion to give TAHS members the option to receive a printed/mailed newsletter for $5.00/year/household. B. McCall seconded, all approved.

The board discussed paying someone to help set-up Google groups and deal with the consolidation of email membership lists and email blast updates. M. Groleau and J. Loup will ask around for potential aid.

Follow-up on the National Social Studies conference to be held at the Grand Traverse Resort. S. Siciliano forwarded the current update to board members. If TAHS provided tours, they would be held at the end of the conference on Saturday afternoon.

**Marketing Report:**

Marketing report was previously circulated via email by M. Groleau.

The board discussed finalizing the summer tour schedule by the next board meeting on April 7th. TAHS board members brain-stormed ideas of possible additional tour guides with the idea of running tours twice a week.

M. Groleau presented the idea of publicizing a list of TAHS donors, perhaps in the monthly newsletter, once a year.

Update for TAHS website design -- M. Groleau reported on research regarding the websites of other similar organizations. The Marketing committee will meet regarding the TAHS website, meeting to include M. Groleau, B. McCall, J. Loup, J. Warner.

M. Groleau will meet with Michele Howard of TADL to discuss the library’s support and funding of a dedicated archivist for the historical collection. The board discussed a possible one-time donation from TAHS to get this idea started.

**Membership Report:**

Membership report was previously circulated to board members via email by S. Jennings.

158 current members

Board members discussed current Membership categories and changes -- $500.00 lifetime, $50.00 family, $25.00 individual, $10.00 student. This includes the removal of the business membership designation.

**Archives Report:**

Archivist report was previously circulated to board members via email by P. Siciliano, which included a description of board members meeting with City Commissioner Roger Putnam.

P. Siciliano reminded board members of the need for judges for Michigan History Day.

**Programs/Events Report:**

Programs and events report was circulated to board members via email by J. Loup.

March program - Branden Morgen, Oakwood Cemetery

April program - Chris Roxburgh, Underwater Shipwrecks

Possible program presenters for May discussed -- Amy Barrett, Dave Pennington.