**Traverse Area Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting**

**June 6, 2023, 6:30**

**Timothy J. Nelson Innovation Center, NMC, Room 08**

Present: S. Siciliano, P. Siciliano, L. Hains, J. Offenhauser, J. Loup, J. Anderson, S. Jennings, J. Warner, E. Modrall

Absent: B. McCall, M. MacLeod

Called to order 6:33

**Revisions to the Agenda:** none

**Public Comment:** none

**Secretary’s Report:** J. Loup circulated May meeting minutes to board members. With discussed changes, S. Jennings moved to approve the minutes for May 2nd. J. Openhauser seconded. All approved.

**Public Comment:** none

**Treasurer’s Report:**

L. Hains made a motion to formally approve the 2022-23 budget as previously presented in September. S. Siciliano seconded. All approved.

TBA Petertyl: $6,685.93

TBA Checking Account: $17,914.26

Emily's Project:$39,547.05

Paypal: $120.05

Restricted:$46,682.98

Unrestricted: $14,935.72

**President’s Report:**

Board members discussed the upcoming program schedule for 2023-24.

Ideas include:

- S. Siciliano has been corresponding with Karen and Christopher Rieser; Nancy Bordine for fall programs

- S. Jennings will coordinate with the National History Day students for the program in October, TAHS annual meeting

- J. Warner has had contact with Mike Deering, will inquire about interest in a Q&A type program

- J. Loup will contact Old Mission library regarding the recent work on the Taft papers and Old Mission agriculture

- S. Jennings suggested Gini LeClaire and her work on nurses

- Other suggestions include: Samels farm, Fred Nelson and the cherry industry, Kathy Firestone’s new book, Ross Biederman and the radio industry, Kathy Steves and the asylum road show

New state marker grant proposal brought to the board by E. Modrall. Looking into replacing the State Marker down by Murchie Bridge, downtown Traverse City. New sign could be double-sided. $5,000.00 for replacement. Graduate students at Eastern University write the text but will send it to TAHS for content suggestions and review. E. Modrall will apply for a Rotary’s Good Works Grant which can be up to $5,000. The sign is currently generalized for all of Traverse City history.

P. Siciliano moved to authorize E. Modrall to write a grant to replace the State Historical Marker at Murchie Bridge. J. Warner seconded. All approved.

**Membership Committee:**

Current membership: 144

**Tours:** Board members discussed the start time for weekend tours. 9:30 was decided.

**Media report:** 2023 tours are posted online. The TAHS Podcast has been completed. J. Anderson will move money to J. Offenhauser.

**Adjourned:** 7:40