

Meeting of the Board of Directors
Traverse Area Historical Society
May 2, 2017 – 6:00PM – Society’s Registered Office

Attendees: Stephen Siciliano, Fred Anderson, Virginia LeClaire, Larry Hains, Julie Schopieray, Jim Warner, Peg Siciliano, Sharon Jennings
Guests: Matt Groleau, Bill Ruesink

The meeting was called to order by President Siciliano. There were no adjustments to the agenda.

Secretary’s Report: The minutes of the April 4, 2017 meeting had been distributed to the board members. There were no changes requested. Ms. Jennings moved and Mr. Hains seconded that the minutes be accepted. This passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report:

- 1.) Current Financial Status: The Petertyl Account now has a balance of \$1567.11. The General Account is at \$7966.61. Mr. Hains’ complete report included a Huntington Balance Report, a Profit & Loss Statement (January 1 through May 2, 2017), an Income Report and an Expense Report. These will be attached to the minutes. (Attachments A-E)
- 2.) Postage Due Item – A box was received from a Historical Society in Oregon which contains scrap books and memorabilia related to a local family from the past. Postage due was satisfied. A discussion regarding disposition of the items led to the agreement that they should go to Amy Barrett to determine if they are appropriate for the Archives. Mr. Hains will see that she receives them.
- 3.) Name Tags – Ms. LeClaire suggested that we obtain official name tags to be worn at all meetings and when giving tours. The cost is approximately \$8.00 each. All were in agreement that this was an appropriate use of funds. Ms. LeClaire will arrange for them.

Chair Report – Response to Grand Traverse Regional Cultural Center Invitation: Dr. Siciliano, Mr. Warner and Ms. LeClaire reported on their meeting with April Fitzhugh, President of the above named organization. After an extensive discussion, it was decided that we would not affiliate with them at this time, but may reconsider in the future. Dr. Siciliano will communicate this decision to Ms. Fitzhugh.

Committee Reports

- 1.) Membership – Ms. Jennings reports that membership to date is 201. She is in need of more note cards for communication purposes and the board authorized her to order what she needs. She and Ms. Siciliano will select a new photo to be put on the front of the cards.
- 2.) Archives – Regarding the disposition of first refusal items (boxes of newspapers), Ms. Siciliano reports that she has not received them yet. The Father Fred 3-dimensional items have been OKed to be released to the Father Fred Foundation. Ms. Siciliano

reported that Amy Barrett would like some of our members to be at the next TADL board meeting.

3.) Program and Events –

- a.) Ms. Siciliano conducted a meeting of the tour group, consisting of herself, Richard Fidler, Virginia LeClaire, Sharon Jennings, Jim Warner, Fred Anderson, and Jenny Loup. It was decided that the Downtown Tours will start on Saturday June 17 and occur every Saturday, with the exception of Cherry Festival week, at 10:30 AM. The Cemetery Tours will begin on Sunday June 18 and will occur every Sunday at 6:00 PM. The last tours will be on October 14 and October 15 respectively. A possibility of other tours depends on the availability of volunteers to participate. Ms. Siciliano will again do two Halloween Cemetery Tours the end of October.
- b.) Ms. Siciliano reported that there is still interest in placing 10 historical plaques downtown. She is working with Fred Anderson, Deb Lake, Gary Howe, and Amy Barrett on this project.
- c.) The next program will be presented by Maddie Lundy at TADL. Her topic will be the History of Radio in Northern Michigan.
- d.) Ms. Siciliano reported that she is working with the library on dates for next year's presentations.

Public Comment : Matt Groleau brought up the idea of TAHS participating in the Friday Night Live events in downtown Traverse City each Friday night in August. He thought this might be a good opportunity to publicize the organization and perhaps sell some books. The groups was very favorable to this activity and Ms. Siciliano agrees to look into it.

At 7:20, Ms. Hains moved and Mr. Warner seconded that we go into closed session. This passed unanimously and the two guests departed. At 8:07, the board came out of closed session and agreed that the next board meeting would be on June 6, 2017 at 6:00 at the same location.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia LeClaire, Secretary