

**Minutes from January 19, 2017 Meeting
Beaver Island Historical Society
Peaine Township Hall Conference Room
7:00 PM**

- I. Roll Call: Trustees present in person or by phone:
Sandy Birdsall, Mark Engelsman, John Fiegan (for a portion of the meeting), Lynne Flanagan, Doug Hartle, Alvin LaFreniere, Linda Wearn, Mike Weede and Bobbi Welke. Absent were trustees John Runberg and Sheri Timsak. Also present were Director Lori Taylor-Blitz and Administrative Assistant Krys Lyle.

A quorum was established.

- II. The minutes from the November 17, 2016 meeting were approved.

III. Treasurer's Report

Sandy Birdsall reported that the budget for November 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017 is in need of more funds. She asked that the board give input as to what changes/additions, etc., could be implemented to increase our revenue.

A budget is also needed for Museum Week, the Capital Campaign and each sponsored event.

The financial report was approved.

IV. Cultural Resource Subcommittee Update

Alvin LaFreniere and Bobbi Welke reported on the items covered at this meeting.

a) The CRS is looking for grant money to support a full time Cultural Resource manager for the archipelago.

b) Alvin LaFreniere will join Kitty McNamara and Pam Grassmick at a meeting with the Traverse Bay Band in Petoskey on February 7, 2017 to ask for grant money.

c) The heirs to Anheuser-Busch have donated land in the area of Bonner's Bluff to the Amick Society.

V. Strategic Planning Session

The date for the Strategic Planning Session has been tabled until the February 16, 2017 meeting. The board was asked to email the Director with dates that they would be available beginning June 1, 2017.

VI. Board Committees

Lynne Flanagan presented a case for BIHS Committee Structure, with board members to select a committee to head or to join. Lori stated that she will work with all committees. It

was also suggested that members of BIHS and the community could be join committees. More will be discussed at the February meeting.

VII. Director's Report

Lori Taylor-Blitz thanked the board for selecting her as the new director. She gave a detailed report on her BIHS work activities including website updates, grant searches, funding opportunities and possible presentations and exhibits.

VIII. The next meeting will be held February 16, 2017.

Submitted by Linda Wearn, Secretary