

Beaver Island Historical Society
Minutes
September 21, 2017
Peaine Township Conference Room
7:00 PM

I. Call to Order/Quorum

Present were trustees Patrick Cull, John Runberg, Lynne Flanagan, John Fiegen, Alvin LaFreniere, Maeve Green, Mike Weede, and Bobbi Welke. Absent was trustee Sheri Timsak. Also present was director Lori Taylor-Blitz and Karl Bartels.

A quorum was established

II. Minutes from the July 27, 2017 meeting were approved.

III. Reports of Officers

- a. A resignation email, with an attached letter, was sent to board members stating Krys Lyle would not renew her contract. A motion was made by Mike Weede to accept the resignation, conduct an exit interview, and table the discussion about additional compensation. The Finance Committee will report back at the October meeting regarding the additional compensation. Lynne Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Lori will write a letter accepting the resignation and accept Ms. Lyle's invitation to meet with two board members for an exit interview.

IV. Finance Committee

- a. Bobbi stated that more of the finance obligations (QuickBooks) will be taken over by the Board.
- b. Audit requirement- Mark will be the auditor liaison.
- c. Lori added that we have a \$1200 CD (2008). Maeve and Bobbi will need to sign signature cards.

V. Museum Operations Committee

- a. A motion was made for approval to purchase of a hanging poster flip file (\$350). The motion was approved.
- b. Lynne suggested that we get a key box for the museum.
- c. George Anthony came to the Island. He met with Cynthia Pryor. When George's book is in print format, Lori will look for grant money.
- d. Oral History Update-people needed to get out and do interviews. Lori will be submitting a grant to Great Lakes Energy.
- e. The Beaver Island History Map can be edited, and reprinted. It was suggested that the map be made more appealing, and some of the text be eliminated. If ordered the same as before, 500 maps will cost \$896.
- f. Inventory Book order update- Refer to the price quote in handout. Added pages must be added in increments of four. A motion was made to order 750 books for \$2750 (plus freight) of BI History Volume One. The motion was approved. POST MEETING NOTE: This quote was for the Beaver Island Scrapbook. A new quote is being developed for Volume One using the 750/ \$2750.00 as a baseline.

- g. Exhibit Updates-The Bishop Baraga exhibit was discussed.
 - h. Mark Engelsman and Mike Weede will work with the Nominating Committee to complete a review of performance for Lori.
- VI. Maintenance Committee
- a. The bushes around the Print Shop were trimmed. The property was measured. The area was cleared between the Print Shop and log cabin (Mark Valente's shop). Any Architect selected for this project must be certified by the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office. A question was posed asking if the board has made any decisions based on the parameters of the addition. No addition decisions have been made.
 - b. The barn was organized.
- VII. Development Committee
- a. Goals for committee- work on membership, development of the Board, and start thinking about capital campaign. John is working on cleaning up Board information (length of term, etc.) John recommended expanding the Board to the full 13 members.
 - b. Membership- Lori is making progress on combining multiple membership lists, to give the Committee Chair an updated current and past membership list.
 - c. Honorary membership who qualifies? How long do they serve? Are honorary members voting members? These questions are not covered in bylaws.
 - d. Strategic Planning- Lori gave an update on requirements for committees to continue with strategic planning. Strategic planning meetings will take place on November 5.
- VIII. Director's Report
- a. The Smithsonian exhibit is coming to Beaver Island. Lori will meet with Cheri Leech to discuss marketing collaboration with Raven Hill. Lori and Mark will be attending a meeting regarding the exhibit on October 26. They will report back with details about the exhibit and grant.
 - b. Two uninterrupted power supplies were purchased to help with the Square System, and a laptop for clerical use.
 - c. A Charlevoix County Community Foundation grant will be submitted for two interpretive signs and two trail cameras at Protar's as well as the use of the Community Center during Museum Week.
 - d. Itinerary draft started for Smithsonian and Museum Week.
 - e. Newsletter—would like to have final draft by October 31.
 - f. Professional development conference with SeaGrant. The cost would be \$140.
 - i. A motion was approved to support Lori in professional development.
- IX. Good For The Society
- a. Karl Bartels: Introduced a proposal for the Society to acquire a Kiosk-touch screen, flat screen TV. Interactive-Geology, History (access to oral histories), commercial (boat schedule, island businesses), virtual walk around. Could have kiosks at locations off Beaver Island. Karl was encouraged to proceed with investigation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maeve Green, Secretary of the Board