

**BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S  
REGULAR MEETING Peaine  
Township Hall: Conference Room  
March 21, 2019 at 7:00 PM**

- I. **Come to Order, Roll-Call, Quorum**
  - a. Sheri Timsak, Mark Engelsman, Maeve Green, Alvin LaFreniere
  - b. On the phone: Tracy Paquin, Dickie McEvoy, Bobbi Welke, Lori Taylor-Blitz
  
- II. **Board Meeting Minutes Approval**
  - a. February 21, 2019 minutes were approved. Sheri made the motion, and Alvin seconded.
  
- III. **Finance Committee – Bobbi Welke**
  - a. BIHS is sponsoring “Everyone is an Artist” with Lois Stipp. Funds will come from CCCF grant. Bobbi made a motion that we make the payment of \$500. Mark seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
  - b. Last month it was suggested that we consider raising Lori’s spending limit from \$250 to \$500. Bobbi made the motion that we raise Lori’s spending limit to \$500. Mark seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
  - c. A tall ship will be coming to the island the first weekend of June. The ship will be bringing a tour from Drummond Island. BIHS will host events while the ship is here. The chamber has contributed \$500. The total cost is \$2000. Mark made a motion that we hire the company to come to the island the first weekend in June. Sheri seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
    - i. Discussion was held regarding the date. It is early in the tourist season. However, if marketed appropriately, it could help to stretch the summer season.
    - ii. Concerns were expressed regarding asking community businesses for money.
    - iii. They have offered to do something special for the board on Saturday night.
    - iv. Tours would be available for the public during the day.
  
- IV. **Development Committee**
  - a. The board workshop will be on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, from 5-8.
  - b. We have reached 83.5% of our membership goal.
  
- V. **Museum Operations Committee**

- a. Courtney DeRuiter will be working again this summer. She will work 3-4 days/week. Last year she earned \$12.59/hour.
- b. Rob Cole will be helping with oral histories this summer. He is willing to work for \$12/hour.
- c. John Gordon has confirmed that CMU has found a museum intern. He will be paid through a grant.

**VI. Maintenance Committee**

- a. The windows have been installed in the museum. They are currently working on the siding. Last night, a payment was made for the window purchase. \$11,410 came out of the 5/3<sup>rd</sup> account to pay for the windows. The next payment will be for the labor for installation. There was some water damage below the old windows, so there will be extra cost.

**VII. Marketing Committee**

- a. Summer event planning is on target.

**VIII. Director's Report**

- a. The eco fair will take place at heritage park on June 28, 29, 30
  - i. Anishnabe food tasting funded by the third coast conversation grant
- b. Lori is collecting commitment contracts from museum week line-ups.
- c. Bingo will not be happening during museum week this year. It was suggested that we do something at Protar's, since it is close to music festival.
- d. Lori and Vince met to discuss display ideas for the new museum. We need to start discussing the budget for the interior, and whether we will do a campaign.
- e. Lori will be working on a campaign to recruit volunteers for the summer season.
- f. Lori spoke to Matt McCauley about the Beaver Head light. All parties have agreed to the terminology of the contract.

**IX. Good for the Society**

- a. The U.S. Coast Guard is establishing a fresh water oil spill center of excellence. The BIHS was approached to help with supporting CMU Biological Station in becoming the center of excellence. A letter has been drafted to send to the Coast Guard. Alvin made a motion to approve the letter. Maeve seconded the motion. The motion has been approved.

**X. Adjournment**

- a. The meeting adjourned at 7:58.