

**BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REGULAR MEETING  
Peaine Township Hall: Conference Room  
May 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM**

- I. **Come to Order**
  - a. **Roll call: Bobbi Welke, Alvin LaFreniere, Sheri Timsak, Maeve Green, Lori Taylor-Blitz, Mark Engelsman, Dickie McEvoy**
  - b. **On the phone: Tracy Paquin, Lynne Flannigan, John Fiegen, Vince Ebersoldt, Mike Weede**
  - c. **The meeting was called to order at 7:00.**
  
- II. **Board Meeting Minutes Approval**
  - a. **April 23, 2019**
    - i. **A few minor changes were made. The minutes were approved.**
  
- III. **Reports of Officers – Mark Engelsman**
  - a. **NMU did an archaeological dig behind the print shop last week. They found two letters from the Mormon print press. They also found trade beads, tools, and other small items.**
  
- IV. **Development Committee – John Fiegen**
  - a. **The board retreat will be May 29, 2019 5-8 P.M. at Peaine township hall, or John's house.**
  - b. **John would like each board member to think about the following things before the retreat:**
    - i. **Two words that describe you non-physical**
    - ii. **Your favorite food**
    - iii. **Two truths and a lie**
  
- V. **Finance Committee – Bobbi Welke**
  - a. **We received a large payment from Peaine township, to match the payment from St. James township taxes.**
  - b. **Cash Flow April 30, 2019 (Attachment)**
  - c. **Township Performance Report**
    - i. **Since we receive tax dollars, we are obligated to submit a performance report. Bobbi will attend the June St. James township board meeting to report on our upcoming year. The report will go on the website.**
  
- VI. **Museum Operations Committee**
  - a. **Alan Vicstein would like to set the historical society up as a nonprofit, through Google. This would allow us discounts for Microsoft Office, google software, and bihistory emails.**
  - b. **Mark and Lori purchased books, toy boats, children's toys, sucker trees, tote bags, water bottles, etc.**
  - c. **Museum setup will be completed before Memorial weekend. The Marine Museum has been cleaned. The crew is finishing up mudding around the windows. The gift shop cannot be setup until the work has been completed.**
  - d. **Charlie Creasser built a desk for the print shop museum. The Nackerman's commissioned Charlie to build the desk and donated in memory of Rod Nackerman. Carol Creasser donated the desk money to BIHS.**

**VII. Maintenance Committee**

- a. Mike Weede trimmed trees, and cleaned up around Protar's house.
- b. Protar's Tomb needs to be cleaned/taken care of. It was built by Bill McDonough in 1929. His grandson, Dennis Monachino, is interested in helping with the cleaning. Amy Burris is going to look at it to see if she can help. Mike will connect with Amy to determine a course of action.
- c. Vince and Bobbi have put together a schedule for the construction, with a completion date of March 2020. Kevin was given a guaranteed maximum budget. Vince's firm is finishing up drawings. Kevin, Bobbi, and Vince will meet next week to make final design decisions. We haven't had a bill from McDonough Construction in over a month. In total we owe \$14,292, as well as some extra work. There is some remaining work including railing post covers, concrete between sidewalk and steps, updated skirting. We will have to fill in the crawlspace behind the museum. Payments for these items will be coming soon. Phase 1 has cost more than we expected because of expanded scope of work which included adding some planned phase 2 activities were moved to phase 1.

**VIII. Marketing Committee – Mark Engelsman**

- a. The tall ship will be in the harbor on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will be open for tours from 1-5. A pirate party will be held from 1-5. From 3-5 there will be a pig roast/pot luck.

**IX. Director's Report – Lori Taylor-Blitz**

- a. The porch will get its first use on the birding week. There will be musicians on the porch from 1-2:30.
- b. We received the BIHS rack cards for the summer season. Rack cards have been sent to MDOT for Michigan welcome center.
- c. The brochures are expected to be printed next week.
- d. Rob Cole will be working on oral history organization for six weeks this summer.
- e. A draft docent schedule is close to completion.
- f. Cynthia Johnson will be our marketing intern. Lori will be meeting with Cynthia this week.
- g. We have 2 corporate sponsors. We are at 95% of our goal.
- h. A new server has been purchased. Alan Vicstein is working on configuration.
- i. The walking trail signs will be here before the end of the month. Stakes will go in the ground next week.

**X. Good for the Society**

- a. The Beaver Head Lighthouse sale should be completed on May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Bobbi talked with Eric Hodgson about swapping the corner property with the property behind the print shop. Eric is on board. Logistics will need to be worked out/discussed before we proceed.
- c. The jail will need to be moved at some point. Alvin suggested it be moved to heritage park.

**XI. Adjournment**

- a. Sheri made a motion that we adjourn. Dicky seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43.