

**BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REGULAR
MEETING**

St James Township Hall February 20, 2020 at 7:00 PM

- 1) Come to Order, Roll-Call, Quorum
 - a) On the phone: Maeve Green, Alan Vicstein, Mark Engelsman, Bobbi Welke, Dickie McEvoy, Larissa McGinnity, Tracy Paquin, Mike Weede, Sheri Timsak, Lori Taylor-Blitz
 - b) Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm.

- 2) Board Meeting Minutes Approval
 - a) Tracy made a motion to approve the 12/10/19 Minutes. Sheri seconded. The motion was approved

- 3) Reports of Officers
 - a) Finance Committee
 - i) Lori and Angel raised over \$34,000 in one month. Next month this will be reflected as a deposit in the new capital campaign account. The 5/3 account will be closed down next Tuesday. We have about \$1400 in that account. All checks have been cleared, so we are now able to shut down the account.
 - b) Membership Drive Update
 - i) The membership drive is off to a slow start. There has been discussion about whether a newsletter or email should go out reminding members to renew. The last couple of years we have sent a reminder letter.
 - c) Island Internet Update
 - i) BIHS is being asked to kick in \$1500 dollars for high speed internet. The high-speed internet will allow to BIHS to improve interactive exhibits. Discussion was held regarding discussion of bringing broadband into homes, as well as just businesses. It will add capability, which will free up bandwidth for home internet. This will give us a backup when TDS goes down. This would be another \$150 every month. This will be up and running this summer.
 - d) Bobbi made a motion that BIHS moves forward with the \$1500 contribution for broadband, and the monthly amounts in the future. The motion was approved.

e) Artifact Donations

- i) A Sepeshy Painting has been donated to BIHS. Lori will pick it up in the spring.
- ii) A Strang era printing press is being donated by Jamie McDonough, a printer from Escanaba.

f) Maintenance Committee

- i) Construction update - In early February Lori and Bobbi met with Kevin McDonough. Pine wood with a white stain has been selected for lining the walls on the exhibit room and classroom. The ceiling will be pine with a clear coat. The walls were measured, so exhibit purchasing and planning can begin.

g) Marketing Committee

- i) The mural event will be in April. A postcard has been created to share online. People can now purchase tickets for the event. Lori found a place that will cater a lunch to the group. This is built into the ticket price. There is a jazz concert on Friday night. On Saturday a bus will take guests to Cranbrook, and then lunch in Detroit. Half will go to conservator's lab to view mural, and others will tour murals in Detroit Library. Then groups will swap. We got \$1000 sponsorship from Ken Taylor.
- ii) The mural will return to the island in May. The historical society will be leading cemetery tours, on Sundays in May, as part of a grant that the library is receiving.
- iii) The Volunteer orientation will be in June. The grand opening is projected for June 21st.
- iv) Part of the new exhibit is an environmental exhibit. Local artists will be asked to contribute pieces for an art show, relating to the environmental exhibit. The pieces will be displayed until just after the Irish Festival.
- v) Museum week will be kicked off with an event at the lighthouse. A grant has been submitted to replace the roof at the lighthouse. A strategic planning session will be held later this year. The blacksmiths will be back this year. Music on the porch will be Monday. Tuesday is the CMU event at the point. Lori will try to get a SUN Fund grant for the jingle dancers. Wednesday will be an unveiling event for the mural. We will highlight the new exhibits during museum week.
- vi) Mike and Bob Turner will do lighthouse tours this summer. More details to come.
- vii) We will do a fish tasting and family day in August
- viii) Lori has drafted ideas for picnic at the point.

- ix) A draft of the cookbook has been sent to Lori. She is working on formatting.
- 4) Director's Report
 - a) Elsie Burton will be the summer intern. Sharolyn will back this summer.
 - b) Rack Cards were sent to welcome centers.

Tracy made a motion that we adjourn the meeting. Alan seconded the motion.
The motion was approved.

Next Meeting March 19, 2020