

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

**St James Township Hall March 19, 2020 at 7:00 PM**

- 1. Come to Order, Roll-Call, Quorum**
  - a. On the phone: Maeve Green, Mark Engelsman, Bobbi Welke, Dickie McEvoy, Tracy Paquin, John Fiegen, Larissa McGinnity, Sheri Timsak, Alan Vicstein**
  - b. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.**
- 2. Board Meeting Minutes Approval**
  - a. Bobbi made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2/20/2020 minutes. Sheri seconded the motion. The motion was approved.**
- 3. Reports of Officers**
  - a. Finance Committee - Bobbi Welke**
    - i. 2/29/20 Cash Flow Report (attached) was shared**
      - 1. A question about budget effects due to the potential of a lengthy museum closure, due to Covid-19, was raised. Bobbi will look into this.**
      - 2. Phase 2 Payment Statement (attached) was shared. We are continuing to make payments as McDonough Construction works on the building. The company bills as they complete sections and/or make large purchases. A recent \$55,545 payment was made. Another \$138,149 (with contingency) remains outstanding. The Building Bank Account will contain, when brought up to date, \$141,213.**
      - 3. In April, after Lori and Bobbi return to the Island, they will do a review of all funding.**
    - ii. MCACA Grants**
      - 1. Capital Grant from MCACA**
        - a. Print Shop or Marine Museum?**
        - b. This grant is a 1:1 match. If awarded, the money could be spent after Oct. 202, if awarded**
      - 2. Operations Grant from MCACA will cover operational costs**
      - 3. These grants will not be submitted until we are sure COVID-19 is behind us. Before submission, a motion will need to be submitted.**
      - 4. Pasqua is helping to write these grants. Between Pasqua and Lori approximately 25-30 hours will be**

spent on grant development.

5. The due date for the grants is June 1, 2020. The grants will be awarded in August for the fiscal year starting October 1, 2020.
6. John made a motion to begin the work of preparing these grants. Larissa seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
7. John pledges \$500 as partial payment for payment of grant developers, Lori and Pasqua.

**b. Development Committee**

**i. Raffle Update**

**ii. Membership Drive Update**

1. Checks are starting to come. Over the next couple of weeks, hopefully we will see more checks come in.

**iii. Museum Fund Development Committee Update**

**c. Museum Operations Committee**

**i. There is still a lot of work to do to put things away.**

**ii. Internet update**

1. There are still a lot of unknowns. Someone from our board will be asked to be on a subcommittee. At this point, we will wait and see what happens.
2. Alan commented that the board has not been able to develop the subcommittee due to time and resources being dedicated to COVID-19. Alan will be touching base with Kitty McNamara and Kevin Boyle to discuss next steps.
3. John made a motion to select Alan as our representative for the subcommittee. Bobbi seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**d. Maintenance Committee**

**i. Construction Update**

1. The museum is coming along nicely. The archipelago etching planned for the floor will not be completed, as we have not found a firm willing to do it. Instead, Keith Grassmick will paint the archipelago on a large canvas.

**e. Marketing Committee Update**

**i. Mural Event has been cancelled due to COVID-19. Refunds have been offered to those who had purchased tickets.**

**ii. The cookbook is in the process of being printed.**

**iii. An art show to go along with the opening of the museum is**

being planned. Artists pay a \$20 entry fee. Pasqua and Larissa created an entry form. It is posted on the website.

**4. Director's Report**

- a. Lori submitted a humanities grant for funding coming in on June 1, 2020. The grant money would help facilitate installing an exhibit designed by the NMU archaeology class. The narrative of the grant was based around the work that NMU has done. Scott Demel will do a presentation for the community. The remaining funds will be designated to help publish the 8th journal of BI history. Scott Demel will spend part of his sabbatical on Beaver Island. He will be writing a book on the archaeological history of Beaver Island.
- b. Plans are being made for the transportation and installation of the mural back to Beaver Island. The mural is close to completion.

**5. Good for the Society**

- a. Beaver Island Sustainability Fair (previously Eco Fair)
  - i. Another Strawberry Moon luncheon is being planned for this year. Last year we collected about \$276 in donations at the luncheon. Allan made a motion to give the donations collected at the 2019 event for the 2020 Strawberry Moon luncheon.
- b. Adjournment
  - i. Alan made a motion to adjourn. Bobbi seconded. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48.
  - ii. The next meeting is April 23, 2020