

## Annual Meeting August 21, 2025 at 7:00

### **Attendees:**

Lori Taylor-Blitz, Kim Bousquet, Sue Screven, Tracy Pacquin, Angel Welke, Craig Turnbull, George Broder

Quorum was established

### **Meeting Notes:**

Meeting was called to order by Angel at 7:00

Minutes from the last meeting were approved - motion Angel, second Kim

#### President's Report

Angel began the meeting by thanking all of the participants in attendance. She also thanked Lori for another year of great leadership and accomplishments. She thanked the board, the newspaper, volunteers and docents.

Additionally, Angel spoke of some of the events that took place over the summer. Kids camp had rave reviews. Music on the Porch was a great success. Sheri Timsack is always able to pull together a great show. Lois Stipp did a wonderful job making the art show such a huge success. She has been doing this for almost 40 years. It raised close to \$3,000. Irene Butter was a Holocaust survivor and spoke at the school, library and print shop. A great reminder to be grateful.

Angel also reviewed some of the improvements at the historical sites. She thanked the volunteers at the Beaver Head Lighthouse. She mentioned the new and improved gift shop area. The Protar's roof has been replaced. The floor at the Marine Museum has been redone. There is still a lot of work that needs to be done at the Marine Museum - the roof, decking issues, rotted wood. It doesn't look like there are grants available. The Charlevoix grant is being explored. Despite this, programming is still good. Angel asks the community for ideas to keep the doors open.

#### Treasurer's Report

Jacquet reports that funds are less than this time last year. The exhibit fund is up slightly. The Northern Islander is in good standing.

#### Northern Islander Report

George reports that the Northern Islander is holding its own - it's not losing money, but not making a lot either. The newspaper is now available in print and digital formats (digital as of April). We still need to see what the online is doing.

### Director's Report

Currently there are 158 memberships. Memberships have been updated to a rolling membership to be more responsive to visitor and summer trends. As of August 8th there were 10,153 visitors to the museums, 250 to Protar's, and 1.500 to the Beaver Head Lighthouse; these numbers are slightly up from last year.

Lori's fundraising class is almost over.

### Election Results

Dave Case was elected as a new board member (trustee).

### Public Comment

Lu's continues to work on the garden - it looks beautiful.

Meeting Adjourned: