
Annual Board Meeting

Monday August 19, 2024

Attendees:

Lori Taylor - Blitz, Angel Welke, Jacque La Freniere, Tracy Paquin, Sue Screven, Joe Callain, Craig Turnbull, Alan Vicstein , Lu O'Connor, Kim Bosquet.

Ruth and Peter Igoe, Bob and Alana Anderson, Emily Rudell, Jodie Cady, Frank D'Andria, Bobbi Welke, Carol Aram, Shar Ann Cheshire.

Meeting Notes:

Meeting was called to order by Angel at 7:00.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved. Motion Tracy/Second Jacque

President's Report

Angel began the meeting by thanking all the participants for their attendance.

She also thanked Lori for another year of exceptional leadership and accomplishments.

She thanked the volunteers for their service and donors for their generosity.

Treasurer's Report

Jacque reported that our funds are slightly lower than at this time last year.

Funds were used out of Marine Museum account for building the new deck and other repairs.

Exhibit's account is down from spending on new exhibits.

Protar's house is in need of a new roof and we hope to secure a grant for it.

Budget report approved. Motion/ Sue Second/Joe.

Northern Islander Report

The Northern Islander is running net-positive and is not a drain on funds.

There are currently 500 subscriptions.

Our advertisers seem satisfied.

Director's Report

Lori reported that we currently have 177 members.

Membership renewal time has been adjusted to the Feb. 28-March 1 time frame to avoid the end of year flood of requests.

At year's end, we anticipate having 9,600 visitors to our museums.

Some new things we did in the past year are: The holiday social, a cabaret, bingo, 1 year anniversary of Northern Islander, docent appreciation event, lunchtime chats, a women's history exhibit, 78's for the people, archeology road show, Beaver Head Lighthouse picnic with approx. 100 participants, House of David speakers, A film festival in September featuring Michigan film producers, David Hill's play, The Bob S was painted and restored with grant and donation funds. The theme for next year's Museum Week will be honoring Protar and the 100th anniversary of his death.

The plan is to have volunteers present for tours of the Beaver Head lighthouse.

Museum renovations and redo of Protar's roof will be in October.

Motion to approve our new accountant firm is made by Jacque, Second/Tracy.

Angel is looking into finding an attorney to represent Society if needed.

Efforts continue to avoid overlap in community events by coordinating with other event planners on the island.

Election Results

Craig Turnbull was elected for another term with 15 votes. Kim Bosquet was elected a new board member (replacing Sheri Timsak) with 15 votes. 2 votes were cast for Ray Stanhope.

Public Comment

Bobbi Welke thanked the board for all we do for the community. She apologized that the fishing pier we attempted to collaborate with the township did not work out. The sand bar in the area can not be dredged. She will look for another location.

Tracy mentioned Lu O'Connor as a new employee, Amy writes for the NI with Lori's supervision, and Megan is working in the archive room.

Lu beautifully re-did the front garden of the print shop and at this time does not require help for maintenance. Thanks to Craig for mowing and weeding the museum properties.

The land swap with Eric H. is almost complete.

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HGTV has requested that the Society act as fiduciary for funds associated with the Beaver Head Lighthouse project. Acting as the fiduciary for the HGTV project and charging a reasonable fee was discussed and was approved by the board. Motion/Jacque Second/George.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46. Motion/JacqueSecond/Sue.

