**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Traverse Area Historical Society**

**March 2nd, Held online, Zoom platform, due to Covid-19**

Meeting called to order by S. Siciliano at 6:34

Attendees: S. Siciliano, P. Siciliano, S. Jennings, J. Warner, J. Loup, M. Groleau, B. McCall, L. Hains, guest Dr. Emily Modrell

Absent: none

**Revisions to Agenda:**

none

**Secretary’s Report:**

February TAHS board meeting minutes -- S. Siciliano proposed minor changes and acceptance of minutes as amended. M. Groleau seconded. All approved.

**Public Comment:**

Dr. Emily Modrell - Traverse City Native History Project

Three old Indian Trail markers within the city limits currently exist which were originally part of Michigan sesquicentennial project. Dr. Modrell has spoken with Frank, the original person who placed the markers. She would like to use the original markers as a jumping off point to provide more information about the history of indigenous peoples in the area.

Dr. Modrell requested TAHS to act as the fiscal agent for this project in grant applications. Administrator fees going to TAHS can be built in for time spent with the project.

Dr. Modrell will send along a PDF of the map and is seeking involvement of members of local tribes in the project.

S. Siciliano proposed TAHS support the proposal to the next step of talking to tribal members.

B. McCall moves that TAHS support the project pending further information regarding local tribal involvement. J. Warner seconded. All approved.

Dr. Modrell will report to/with President S. Siciliano.

**Treasurer’s Report**

M. Groleau previously circulated the report via email.

Account Balances as of 3/1/2021 are as follows:

PayPal $ 775.80

General $ 19,359.14

Julius Petertyl Fund $ 11,485.53

Total Cash Funds $ 31,620.47

S. Siciliano moved that whenever a spending proposal outside of the approved budget is voted on by the board and approved then the budget is altered accordingly. B. McCall seconded. All approved.

**President’s Report**

No preservation corner was included in the last newsletter, or update from Commissioner Roger Putnam regarding the Con Foster collection. The next newsletter will be sent out in May.

Next newsletter to include the support of the history of TADL book in process, also a write-up to explain TAHS’s policy to support local history books.

Adrien Rosi has been generating a Central Neighborhood newspaper/newsletter which are to be donated to TADL. S. Siciliano will put columns into the TAHS newsletter.

S. Siciliano will talk with Amy Barrett of TADL about the contact form coming through the website.

**Membership Report**

Report previously circulated by S. Jennings via email.

Members current: 145

Revision of the membership form will be on the agenda for the next board meeting. The board will review the new membership levels and decide on a new form.

**Archives Report**

Report previously circulated by P. Siciliano via email.

P. Siciliano assisted Heather Brady with TADL rotunda exhibits. She wrote up labels to refer to the TAHS panels and TAHS is mentioned in the signage.

**Events/Programs Report**

Report previously circulated by J. Loup via email.

J. Loup will connect with the State Hospital tour guides for the possibility of an April program.

Revisiting discussion of downtown and cemetery tours for 2021 will be on next month’s agenda.

The board discussed connecting to Old Mission Historical Society with program creation/presentation. P. Siciliano will connect with Anne Swaney.

Meeting adjourned 8:05