

**Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 17, 2019**

Present: Claudia Chapman, Jim Conboy, Clarence Cross, Jim Johnson, Gregg Resnick, Diane Speer, Sue Stender and Janet Young

Excused Absent: Executive Director Chris Witulski, President Anne Belanger, Ann Diamond, Michelle Miller and Judy Suszek

Absent: Mike Ableidinger, John Caplis, Kristen Sharpe and Heidi Haaxma

Called to Order: Vice President Jim Conboy called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes: Janet Young moved to accept the August meeting minutes. Clarence Cross supported. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Conboy said there was no Treasurer's Report but reminded board members that the financials are available online at the Besser Museum website.

New business: Jim Johnson shared that he attended a recent meeting of the Thunder Bay River Center, where both that group's mission and the Besser Museum's regarding the Thunder Bay River and its watershed were discussed. He said where the museum hopes to continue telling and expanding upon the history of the local fishing industry, the River Center group is more concerned about the present day and future impact of the river and the watershed. He said the missions of the two groups seem to dovetail rather than overlap.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m. after which members gathered for an outstanding tour of the Besser Museum given by staff member Matt Klimczak.

Submitted by: Diane Speer, Secretary