

**Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 18, 2018 @ 4:30 p.m.**

Present: Mike Ableidinger, John Caplis, Anne Belanger, Jim Conboy, Clarence Cross, Jim Johnson, Michelle Miller, Gregg Resnick, Diane Speer, Judy Suszek and Janet Young also Executive Director Christine Witulski

Absent: Claudia Chapman, Ann Diamond, Don MacMaster and Kristen Sharpe

Meeting Called to Order at 4:30 p.m. and quorum noted

Minutes: Gregg Resnick moved to accept the August Minutes, supported by Clarence Cross. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Suszek gave a brief overview of the report. Revenues exceed expenditures after two months of a new budget. ED Witulski and Marie Williams, CPA are still reworking the accounting system. Hopefully a proposed budget will be presented in October.

New Business:

- **R. S. Scott Proposal for Great Lakes Fisheries Grant--**Jim Johnson moved that the Board authorize the expenditure of \$2,500 to R. S. Scott to prepare a site plan that will provide estimated costs for all elements that are composed in the Fishery Heritage Grant. Gregg Resnick supported the motion. All Ayes. Motion carried. There is \$10,000 at CFNEM and some revenue in a restricted account that will cover this expenditure.

Director's Report:

- Executive Director Christine Witulski submitted her report in writing, which is filed with the Minutes. ED Witulski highlighted the following from the report:
 - a. **Upcoming Events:** Fall Harvest Fossil Fest, October 6; Season of Lights, November 17; Besser Museum Jingle Bell Run, November 23; and AAM Progress Report, December 17.
 - b. ED Witulski explained the first annual Jingle Bell Run Fundraiser, which will lead the Holiday Parade in Downtown Alpena. This event is in collaboration with Dork Brothers--hopefully will be the FIRST ANNUAL of the event.

Standing Committee Reports:

Governance: nothing to report

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

Katherine V: Tuffy Cross reported that a request for \$25,000 has been made to the Vogelheim family (\$10,000 for a shed, \$2,000 for an interview with Clarence Cross and the balance to fund signage and landscaping to complete the project). Clarence Cross made a motion to purchase materials, get a crew ready and construct a shed for the Katherine V project not to exceed \$10,000. Jim Conboy supports. All Ayes. Motion carried. (The funds will be replaced if the Vogelheim family request is granted.)

Chinook: Jim Johnson reported that he along with ED Witulski and Clarence Cross attended the Great Lakes Fisheries Heritage Conference held on Beaver Island in September. All agreed this was a very worthwhile conference which provided an excellent opportunity for further networking.

Planetarium: nothing to report

Fine Art: nothing to report

Native American Exhibit: ED Witulski reported that the project is moving along in a respectable manner. Many very important contacts and conversations are developing that will greatly benefit the development of the new Native American exhibit.

Old Business: New Board Member Welcome Packet--tabled until October to allow Board Members the opportunity to review.

Adjourn: Jim Johnson made a motion to adjourn, Jim Conboy supported. All Ayes. Adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by Michelle Miller, Secretary