

**Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan Board of Trustees Meeting
MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 16th, 2023
4:30 p.m.

Our mission is to collect, preserve, interpret, and exhibit authentic articles and artifacts of art, history, and science to inspire curiosity for all ages, foster community pride, and cultivate personal legacy.

Board Members:

President Gary Goren , **Vice President** Mike Beaulac, **Secretary** Ashley Peterson, **Treasurer** Sue Stender (virtual), Michelle Miller, Claudia Chapman, Tuffy Cross, Janet Young, Jim Conboy (virtual), Dan Florip, Sara Winter

Absent: Jim Johnson (excused), Jon Gougeon (excused), Julie Austin

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Gary Goren

2. Guest Presentation - Quintin - Alpena Agency Insurance coverage proposal.

3. Review April 18th 2023, Board Meeting Minutes for approval (action item)

Board minutes from April 18th, 2023 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Janet Young with support from Tuffy Cross. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report

- a. Treasurer's report on April 2023 financials was included in the board packet and completed by Sue Stender. Sue Stender discussed key points and the report was filed as reported.

5. Reports to the Board

- a. **Director's Report:** A full report was submitted and is accessible online at the museum website.

- i. **Capital Project updates:**

- 1. Exterior project - Limestone caps have been placed on flowerbeds. Seeding will be occurring and then Pratt will share his plan for landscaping.
 - 2. DNEMH - Split Rock meeting occurred May 9th. On May 17th, the committee will review the proposed changes to the design plan.

- b. **Ad Hoc Committees:**

- i. **Governance Report:**

- 1. New board member application: Brian Bartosh.
 - 2. Appointment of new board member: Jon Gougeon. Motion by Tuffy Cross to appoint Brian Bartosh to a vacant seat. Second by Sara Winter. All in favor. Motion carried.

- ii. **Great Lakes Fisheries Heritage Exhibit:**

- 1. **Chinook Project:** Jim Johnson report.
 - a. Discussing the revisions with Meridian to stay within budget.
 - b. Tours have begun for the season.
 - 2. **Katherine V:** Tuffy: Committee needs additional members.

- iii. **Discover Northeast Michigan History:**

- 1. Funding Report: See director's report.

2. Project timeline
 - a. May 17th: Exhibit committee will meet to discuss schematic drawing 1 changes.
 - b. May 24th: Besser museum submit changes to SRS.
 - c. Dismantling the Exhibit Gallery
 - i. Bids for removal of ceiling are due May 15th.
 - iv. **Fine Art Committee:** Wilson Gallery is set until October. Trelfa Gallery: NEMAG exhibit 4/23/2023 - 7/23/2023. Juried art brochures have been sent out and the exhibit will occur in August 2023.
 - v. **Collections Committee:**
 1. Claudia Chapman - Artifact accession proposal.
 - a. Janet Young moved to accept the items presented with support from Ashley Peterson. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. **Old Business**
- a. Proposal to use the \$17,000 in the Infinex Money Market Account to pay for the roof repairs has been postponed until we can discuss long term solution. We have no closed the Infinex account yet.
 - b. Revise strategic plan - Work is ongoing.
 - c. Website bids are available for review.
 - d. Money Market Account was opened with Chris Lamb at Old Mision.
7. **New Business**
- a. Chris presented the idea to apply for the 2024 MAC grant. The grant was applied for last year and the Besser Museum was awarded \$51,000. Chris asked for approval to submit an application for the capital improvement grant and that Gary Goren is the official signer. Moved by Dan Florip with support by Mike Beaulac. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. **Adjourn**
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm. The next meeting is June 20th, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ashley Peterson
Board Secretary