

**Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 16, 2021 via Skype**

Board Members Present: Jim Conboy, Clarence Cross, Marie Fielder, Michelle Miller, Judy Suszek, Janet Young, Sue Stender, Mike Ableidinger, Gary Goren, Claudia Chapman and Mike Beaulac.

Others Present: Executive Director Chris Witulski

Absent: Mike A, Jean T., Diane S.

Call to Order: President Michelle Miller called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. via Skype

Minutes: Jim Conboy moved to accept the minutes of the February 2021 meeting. Jim Johnson supported. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sue Stender shared with the board her report, which is available at the museum's website. File as presented

Reports to the Board:

1. **Director's Report:** ED Chris Witulski talked about the PPP and Tax Credit.
2. **And explained the HVAC**

Ad Hoc Committees:

1. **Governance:** Judy Suszek explained Board recruitment,
2. **Great Lakes Fisheries Heritage Exhibit:** Dustin Black, DNR Grants, LeBlance Film project
3. **Anishinaabe Exhibit:** ED Chris Witulski shared that the first Advisory Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, February 23rd. Consultant, Charlee Brissette facilitated. Marie Fielder commented that it was an excellent meeting and good start to the project.
4. **Fine Art Committee:** ED Chris Witulski presented a PowerPoint slideshow of the work accomplished the Wilson Gallery to date. Consultant, Brian Schorn has started to form a Fine Art Committee and work on ideas of curating the first art exhibit. Tentative date to reopen the art gallery is May 2021.
5. **Collections Committee:** ED Chris Witulski presented the Collections Committee proposal of artifacts for permanent accession. Jim Conboy moved to accept the artifacts recommended, Mike Beaulac support. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

HVAC System: ED Chris Witulski reported that R.S. Scott sent out an invitation to local contractors to bid on the new chiller project. The bids must be submitted by April 9th.

Log Cabin Renovation Project: ED Chris Witulski reported that Facility Manager, Klimczak will move the furniture from the Log Cabin to the Maltz Bank in a few weeks to prepare for the renovation project. The contractor plans to start the project in April.

New Business:

Overview of Alpena Glass quote to replace two windows in the building.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Witulski and Michelle Miller