

**Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan
Board of Trustees Meeting AGENDA
Tuesday, July 20, 2021
4:30 p.m. at Museum**

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.

- 1) **Call To Order (Board Members can call in or join online)**
- 2) **Review June 15, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes for approval** (*action item*)
- 3) **TREASURER’S REPORT:**
 - a. Treasurer’s report on June 2021 financials.
 - b. The Finance Committee moved to recommend the Board approve the 2021-2022 fiscal budget as presented. Jim Conboy moved; Sue Stender supported. Motion carried.
 - c. A resolution to accept a \$1000 gift from the Theodore M. Utchen Trust.
- 4) **Reports to the Board:**
 - a) **DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Full report submitted.
 - a. HVAC – equipment will be here in October.
 - b. R.C. Yockey was contracted to excavate the landscaping in the Great Lakes Fishing Exhibit area. This expense is being covered by the \$5,000 gift from the DNR (Suzanne Stone).
 - c. Todd Britton from Meridian Construction stopped by July 12 to access the exterior of the building. He will be submitting a bid for several projects.
 - b) **AD HOC COMMITTEES:**
 - **GOVERNANCE REPORT:** Judy Suszek – Ashley Wilmot toured the museum.
 - **GREAT LAKES FISHERIES HERITAGE EXHIBIT:**
 - a. **Chinook Project:** Jim Johnson
 - **Katherine V:** Tuffy Cross
 - **NATIVE AMERICAN EXHIBIT:** Consultant Charlee Brissette and Executive Director traveled to museums in the Sault, St. Ignace and Mackinac Island meeting with tribal members, exhibit designers and museum executives.
 - **FINE ART COMMITTEE:** There have been no meetings since gallery opening.
 - **COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE:** Claudia Chapman: Accession approvals
- 5) **Old Business:**
 - a. Jim Park approved the use of funds for the reprinting of *The Town That Wouldn’t Die*. Allegra printing said it will take approximately 3 months. Gary Goren drafted an introduction letter from the Board of Trustees that will be printed in-house and inserted in the books.
 - b. Waiting for work to resume on the Log Cabin. Bob Kenel stated it should start by the end of July.
- 6) **New Business:** New Hours: Summer Schedule and Winter Schedule
Executive Session: Review Executive Director Salary
- 7) **Adjourn:**