

**Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan
Board of Trustees Meeting AGENDA
Tuesday, May 20, 2025 @ 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, Mike Beaulac, **Vice President,** Ashley Peterson, **Secretary,** Jim Johnson, **Treasurer,** Sue Stender, Gary Goren, Michelle Miller, Claudia Chapman, Tuffy Cross, Jim Johnson, Jon Gougeon, Janet Young, Dan Florip, Julie Austin, Sara Winter, and Brian Bartosh

- 1) **Call To Order**
 - 2) **Review April 15, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes for approval** (*action item*)
 - 3) **TREASURER’S REPORT:** (Sue Stender)
 - a. Treasurer's report on April 2025 financials.
 - 4) **Reports to the Board:**
 - a) **DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Full report submitted.
 - a. Field Trip Season in full swing – we will host over 800 students by June 6.
 - b. Alpena Flyer reader rails are almost complete.
 - c. FY 2023-2024 audit report and 990 tax return for last fiscal year are completed.
 - d. New Employee: Angela Addington started May 13 as our Creative Media Specialist.
 - b) **AD HOC COMMITTEES:**
 - **GOVERNANCE REPORT:** (Dan Florip) No Report – We need 4 board members by June,
 - **GREAT LAKES FISHERIES HERITAGE EXHIBIT:**
 - a. **Chinook Project:** (Jim Johnson report)
 - i. Good Designs
 - **Katherine V:** (Tuffy Cross report)
 - **DISCOVER NORTHEAST MICHIGAN HISTORY: Phase 2:** (Mike Beaulac)
 - Waiting to hear on the status of the Community Museum Grant application. They will be announced in May.
 - Submitted a nomination letter to the Economic Generator Network for a \$15,000 award.
 - Contract Proposal for Schematic Phase 1 & 2 for lower-level exhibit project.
 - **FINE ART COMMITTEE:** No Report
 - **COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE:** (Claudia Chapman):
- 5) **Old Business:**
 - a. A Strategic Planning - Website/Marketing ad-hoc committee consists of Brain Bartosh, E.D. Witulski and Angela Addington.
 - b. Gary Goren submitted the Youth & Recreation Grant application for the Planet Walk.
- 6) **New Business:**
 - a. Miscellaneous: June 17th is the Besser Museum Membership meeting with election of new and incumbent board members. Claudia Chapman, Tuffy Cross, Michelle Miller, Janet Young, Jim Johnson term out and step off the board. Incumbents up for reelection: Dan Florip, Sue Stender.
- 7) **Adjourn**