

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

Tuesday, October 18th, 2022
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 Michelle Miller, **Vice President** Gary Goren, **Secretary** Ashley Peterson, **Treasurer** Sue Stender, Mike Beaulac, Jim Johnson, Judy Suszek, Janet Young, Jim Conboy, Dan Florip

Absent: Claudia Chapman (excused), Tuffy Cross,

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by President Michelle Miller

2. Review September 20th, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes for approval (*action item*)

Board minutes from September 2022 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Gary Goren with support by Janet Young. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Treasurer's report on September 2022 financials. It is filed as presented on the Besser Museum website.

4. 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. Meridian: Exterior Project: Working to complete the sidewalk project prior to the end of the season, as winter approaches.
 - 2. HVAC: New chiller installation: Replacing indoor valve controls – it has arrived but has not yet been installed. It will be replaced and we will know if the problem has been resolved when the chillers are turned back on during the warmer months.
 - 3. Planetarium Projector: Johnathan talked to another vendor regarding prices. Financial long-term planning for replacement of technology for the planetarium is in the best interest of the museum.
 - 4. Season of Light - Currently scheduled for Sunday, November 20th, 2022. It will be catered by JJ's Catering and function as both a fundraiser as well as a membership drive.

- b. **Ad Hoc Committees:**

- i. **Governance Report:**

1. December is voting for the new Executive Board members. Voting on five positions within our October meeting.
 2. The Board is at 12 members and needs to recruit at least 3 new members. Twelve is the minimum membership for the board.
- ii. **Great Lakes Fisheries Heritage Exhibit:**
1. **Chinook Project:** Jim Johnson report
 - a. Huron Engineering is doing the first phase of the project. The bids should be going out in October.
 - b. One last classroom will be visiting this year prior to preparing to winterize the display.
 - c. Meeting with Lake Invaders director to determine how and where to place video loops aboard the Chinook.
 - d. Besser Museum was approved for a Huron Pines AmeriCorps worker in 2023.
 - i. Thus far, there have been very few applicants for this role.
 2. **Katherine V:** Tuffy Cross report; The hip roof on the Kat V shelter is completed.
- iii. **Discover Northeast Michigan History:**
1. Funding Report: Project timeline
 - a. Captured on the current newsletter (winter 2022). Renovations will start January 2023.
- iv. **Fine Art Committee:** Brian Schorn will be setting the next exhibit from our permanent collection. This collection will run through August until the juried art exhibit.
- v. **Collections Committee:** Sarah Deaccession proposal: Deaccession 1 item: 15 boxes of Gilcrest and Fletcher artifacts. Moved by Judy for the deaccession of the item presented; support by Janet Young. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Old Business**
None
6. **New Business**
November board meeting would be moved from November 15th to November 29th. This meeting will be only meeting for November and December 2022.
7. **Adjourn**
The meeting was adjourned at 5:39pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ashley Peterson
Acting Board Secretary