

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

Tuesday, July 18th, 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 (virtual), **Secretary** Ashley Peterson, **Treasurer** Sue Stender, Michelle Miller, Claudia Chapman, Tuffy Cross, Janet Young, Dan Florip, Julie Austin, Jon Gougeon, Brian Bartosh

Absent: Sara Winter (excused), Jim Johnson (excused)

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:28 pm by Gary Goren.

2. Review June 20th 2023, Board Meeting Minutes for approval (*action item*)

Board minutes from June 20th, 2023 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Janet Young with support from Brian Bartosh. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report

- a. Treasurer's report on June 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.
- b. 2023 - 2024 Fiscal Budget Proposal was reviewed by Chris Witulski. Brian Bartosh moved to approve the budget with the note to reflect the increase in from \$225,000 to \$260,000 for employee costs as well as removing the \$500 allocated to the now disbanded Founders Society. Second by Janet Young. All in favor. Motion carried.

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. Schematic Design will be shared on September 5th, 2023.
 2. A marketing packet will be shared and a committee will be developed to support a second campaign for fundraising.
 - ii. **Roof Repairs**
 1. Waiting to hear from Timm Construction and will be having discussion regarding the potential of a green roof.
 - iii. **Planetarium**
 1. A new lightbulb was replaced to allow for continued use of the projector.
- b. **Ad Hoc Committees:**
 - i. **Governance Report:**
 1. No report this month.
 - ii. **Great Lakes Fisheries Heritage Exhibit:**
 1. **Chinook Project:** Log Cabin days provided a positive experience for visitors to experience the exhibit.

2. **Katherine V:** Tuffy reported that he dug on the East side of the building to help prevent flooding.
- iii. **Discover Northeast Michigan History:**
 1. Funding Report: See director's report.
 2. Project timeline
 - a. A virtual meeting with Split Rock Studios to review Schematic Design #2 will be held on September 5th, 2023 at 1:00 pm.
 - b. Meridian will have the gallery space white-boxed by the September 30th deadline.
- iv. **Fine Art Committee:** Wilson Gallery is set until October. Trelfa Gallery: NEMAG exhibit 4/23/2023 - 7/23/2023.
- v. **Collections Committee:**
 1. Claudia Chapman - Artifact accession proposal. Claudia presented one item for deaccession.
 - a. Jon Gougeon moved to move to deaccess the item presented with support from Juie Austin. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. **Old Business**

- a. Insurance proposals: Besser Museum renewed with Lappan Agency.
- b. Old Mission Money Market Account: Monies were transferred from Nicolet Bank to Old Mission.
- c. Roof Repairs: Waiting on response from Timm Construction.

6. **New Business**

- a. None.

7. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was presented by Dan Florip with support from Tuffy Cross. The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 pm. The next meeting is August 15th, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ashley Peterson
Board Secretary