

**15th Annual Meeting of the Besser Museum
Membership and Board of Trustees
Tuesday, June 19, 2019 @ 7 p.m.**

Present: Claudia Chapman, Jim Conboy, Clarence Cross, Jim Johnson, Michelle Miller, Gregg Resnick, Diane Speer, Judy Suszek, John Caplis, Ann Diamond, Janet Young, Heidi Haaxma, new member Sue Stender, President Anne Belanger and Executive Director Christine Witulski.

Absent: Mike Ableidinger, Don MacMaster and Kristen Sharpe.

Call to Order: President Ann Belanger called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. She gave an update on the museum's accomplishments over the past year and praised the Board of Trustees for their dedication and hard work. She also praised Director Christine Witulski for her hard work and commitment, including during the museum's reaccreditation process.

Minutes: Jim Conboy moved to accept the June 2018 annual meeting minutes. Supported by Ann Diamond. All ayes. Motion carried.

Director's Report: Director Christine Witulski presented her Director's Report containing many highlights, including the museum being named Best of the Best Art Galleries for 2019, the successful reaccreditation and plans for reallocation of space. She also stated that the museum currently has 548 members.

Treasurer's Report: Judy Suszek presented the financial report and gave a brief update regarding the fiscal year. She said the annual audit starts in August. She also praised the staff and volunteers for helping the museum to maintain an approximately \$500,000 annual budget.

New Member Election: Tuffy Cross moved to elect Sue Stender as a new Board of Trustees member. Supported by Gregg Resnick. All ayes. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports:

Katherine V: Tuffy Cross gave a brief update on the Katherine V's status. He noted that 635 total volunteer hours were given and that many kids enjoyed tours of the vessel over the last year.

Chinook: Jim Johnson gave a status report on the Chinook and the Fisheries Heritage Display. John Caplis also talked about the importance of student involvement from Alpena High School in helping to tell relevant stories.

Native American Exhibit: President Anne Belanger shared about progress on the Native American Exhibit, including the fact that it will be interactive.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m. upon a motion by Heidi Haaxma, seconded by Claudia Chapman.

Founder's Society gave a brief overview of the group, including the need for more active members.

All in attendance were invited to a free Planetarium presentation.

Submitted by:
Diane Speer, Secretary