



Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan

Board of Trustees Meeting AGENDA

Tuesday, July 16th, 2024 @ 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 Present: Vice President Mike Beaulac, **Secretary**, Ashley Peterson, **Treasurer**, Sue

Stender, Claudia Chapman, Michelle Miller, Tuffy Cross, Jim Johnson, Jon Gougeon, Janet Young, Sara Winter Dan Florip, and Brian Bartosh

Absent: **President** Gary Goren (excused), Julie Austin

1) Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Mike Beaulac at 4:44 pm. A quorum was established.

2) Review June 18, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes for approval (action item)

The Board minutes from June 2024 were reviewed. The motion to approve minutes was made by Dan Florip with support from Jim Johnson. All in favor. Motion carried.

3) TREASURER'S REPORT: (Sue Stender) Treasurer's report on June 2024 financials.

Treasurer's report regarding June 2024 financials was included in the board packet and completed by Sue Stender. Sue Stender discussed key points and documents were filed as reported.

4) Reports to the Board:

1. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Full report submitted.
 - i. Facility Manager, Matt Klimczak – Fire Protection services update. Brian motioned to accept Matt's recommendation (option #2) in the director's report. Second by Sara Winter. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Discover Northeast Michigan History Fundraising campaign report
 - i. Chris updated the board on fundraising and a thermometer graphic will be placed in the front of the building to increase visibility on progress toward our goal.

3. AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- i. **GOVERNANCE REPORT:** (Dan Florip) No report
- ii. **GREAT LAKES FISHERIES HERITAGE EXHIBIT:**
 1. **Chinook Project:** (Jim Johnson report) Good Design meeting
 - a. Sea Grant Teaching Great Lakes Literacy content is finishing in this stage to allow for content to be integrated into classrooms.
 - b. Video production work with Grand Valley Intern - the finalization is occurring; the editors will ensure there is closed captioning for deaf and hard of hearing individuals to be able to access the content.
 2. **Katherine V:** (Tuffy Cross report)
 - a. The deck work has begun as of today and will be finalized in the next few weeks. The board also discussed the potential to add gravel underneath the boat to reduce the mud/clay mixture that occurs during times when rain is heavy.
- iii. **DISCOVER NORTHEAST MICHIGAN HISTORY:** (Mike Beaulac)
 1. The board reviewed multiple exhibit designs and materials to provide feedback and guidance on next steps to ensure the vision of the exhibit is maintained throughout production.
 2. Mike will be reaching out to local sawmills for pricing kiln-dried cedar.
 3. Some conversation has begun regarding a formal opening of the exhibit, which would include events for donors, families, and those who contributed content and may act as a speaker/presenter on the new content.
- iv. **FINE ART COMMITTEE:** No report
- v. **COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE:** (Claudia Chapman): No report

5) Old Business:

No old business.

6) **New Business:** Fire Protection Service plan.

This was discussed as part of the director's report.

7) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn by Janet Young and supported by Sue Stender. The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 pm.