



Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan

Board of Trustees Meeting AGENDA
Tuesday, August 20th, 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, Tuffy Cross, Jim Johnson, Michelle Miller (virtual), Jon Gougeon, Janet Young, Sara Winter Dan Florip, Julie Austin & Brian Bartosh (virtual)

Absent: **President** Gary Goren (excused), Claudia Chapman,

1) Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Mike Beaulac at 4:31 pm. A quorum was established.

2) Review July 16th, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes for approval (action item)

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

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

Treasurer's report regarding July 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. Alpena Power Company Bill – HVAC System - The bill has spiked this month. Chris called Alpena Power and Control Solutions to add a meter and work to resolve the issue.
 - ii. The Security System has been switched over to Total Fire Protection.
 - iii. Discover Northeast Michigan History Fundraising campaign report. - Chris will continue to present to organizations around the community as well as speak on Talk of the Town.

2. 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. Determining which items can be funded by Invasive Species Grant and submitted to the DNR for approval.
 - b. As the sea lamprey portion of the exhibit is built, there will be open areas on the boardwalk. A suggestion was made to create a timeline exhibit to further tell the story of this portion of the museum.
 - c. Jim has been working with GVSU to refine captioning and correct transcription errors.
 2. **Katherine V:** (Tuffy Cross report)
 - a. Stairs are put in place in the back of the boat. The crew has worked diligently in the past few weeks.
- iii. **DISCOVER NORTHEAST MICHIGAN HISTORY:** (Mike Beaulac)
 1. Per Chris, communication and work is done every day to finalize components of the exhibit. Will also explore reader rails for the Alpena Flyer exhibit just outside of the new exhibit.
 2. Mike reached out to a number of mills and was determined to work with Prell's. The wood for the exhibit should be ready by mid-September.
 3. Meetings with Split Rock occur each Monday to determine details for each portion of the exhibit.
- iv. **FINE ART COMMITTEE:** No report Janet reviewed the 14 items proposed into the permanent collection. Moved by Jim Johnson and seconded by Sarah Winter. All in favor. Motion carried.

5) Old Business:

No old business.

6) New Business:

No new business.

7) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn by Jon Gougeon and supported by Julie Austin. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.