

Old Mission Peninsula Historical Society Minutes
November 5th, 2020

Prior to our Zoom meeting Tom Dullage spoke of Victor Vaughan Founder of the Leffingwell Preserve and an extraordinary doctor during the late 1890's. Thank you Tom for the excellent presentation.

Business Meeting:

Attendance: John Scarbrough, Karen and Chris Rieser, Tom Dullage, Ann Swaney, Lee and Donna Hornberger, Phyllis Cooley, Mary Morgan, Ann Magoun, Barb Berthelsen, Connie Sargent, Dave ?, Dean and Nora Frances, Holly Fromm, Jane Boursaw, JoAnn Cole, Laura Johnson, and Judy Weaver.

Business Meeting:

December's Meeting: We need help. We hope to play holiday music from all over the world. We would like to have the OMPHS members submit photos of OMPHS members doing historical projects or anything else. We hope to have pictures circa 1950 or before of members who have passed away. Please send digital pictures to Judy Weaver: weavmusic@aol.com or Ann Swaney: aswaney@acegroup.cc

Holiday Ornaments: Anne Griffiths and Ellen Kerr has laser cut out Christmas Ornaments made of local historic sites. We are now selling them as a fundraiser in EB 2 Vintage, the Peninsula Market, and Sullivan's Fruit Stand as well as online at The Old Mission Gazette. \$15.

Minutes from Sept. - (no October Mtg.) Approved with the correction to add Barb Hanson to the Peter Dougherty listing. Dean moved and Judy seconded.

Treasurers Report – Dean Francis - \$21,489.97 in our account. \$20,555.30 is restricted. Shutter funds of \$10,898.96 will be paid Monday Nov. 9 at the Lighthouse Shutter ceremony. Leaves us \$937.70. We encourage end of year fundraising. We need \$2,200 annually to run.

Communications and Announcements –

All are invited to the Lighthouse Shutter Ceremony November 9 at 10 am.. The Peninsula Township and the Friends of the Lighthouse supported by the OMPHS have purchased amazing green shutters that have been installed at the lighthouse. Also view four plaques recently installed informing the public of structural changes in the lighthouse structure.

Committee Reports – Phyllis and Laura will be at the Log Cabin preparing the interior for winter closure. Come and join them at 10 a.m. Nov. 10.

Fundraising - To help our 2021 annual running expenses.

Ideas:

1. Audio tours price has been reduced thanks to mediation by Dean with the company.
2. Bowers Harbor and Bonobo – winter outing.
3. Smile.amazon.com- is now available. Go to smile.amazon.com on your computer or put the smile app on your phone, click on charities and pick OMPHS. They will give OMPHS .5% of your eligible purchases.

Proposed Dues Increase –

2020 Student \$5	2021 Student \$5	2022 Student \$5
2020 Individual \$10	2021 Individual \$ 15	2022 Individual \$ 20
2020 Family \$ 15	2021 Family \$20	2022 Family \$25
2020 Business \$25	2021 Business \$30	2022 Business \$35
2020 Sustaining \$100	2021 Sustaining \$100	2022 Sustaining \$ 100

Fundraising Committee and Chair Needed - Motion, second and voted unanimously to establish a Fundraising Committee. Tom Dullage volunteered to chair. Tom has an extensive background in non-profit fundraising.

Motion to adjourn: 8:03

Respectfully submitted,
 Karen and Chris Rieser
 Co-secretaries

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 Committee Reports & Significant Dates
 November, 2020

Executive Board/Committee John Scarbrough john.scarbrough123@gmail.com

Executive Committee

Fundraising proposals: Paid sponsorships of our monthly presentations and audio tour. Bowers Harbor and Bonobo proposals for a fundraiser will be in soon We have listed OMPHS as a charity on [Smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). Drop and Flop, a horse-based donation of two types. One by the horse and one by our members. Giving Tuesday.

Should we have a Fundraising Committee? We currently need to raise about \$2,200 a year just to pay expenses. If we'd like to increase our historical services to OM Peninsula residents, we'll need to raise more. If we do this, we'll need a chair.

Peter Dougherty Society - Chris Rieser crieser99@icloud.com

WiFi became part of the Historic Dougherty Homestead as of this past Fall. This enhancement will allow visitors to go on-line using a guest network in addition to taking the virtual home tour

found on our website (doughertyoldmission.com) or Facebook page (Dougherty Old Mission House). When at the Homestead go to Network: Dougherty House, Password: visitors. On a sad note, Bill Cole, retired president of the Peter Dougherty Society, passed away in September. A celebration of life was held at the Jolly Pumpkin on September 27. Family, friends and supporters gathered to say a final farewell. Over the last 14 years, Bill's contributions to the property include its purchase, creation of the Society, fundraising for its restoration, assisting in its construction, and the early development of the museum. His efforts cannot be overstated. In the Spring in conjunction with his family, we are planning to hold a community event to honor Bill at the Dougherty Homestead. Details will be forthcoming. The current Dougherty Board members are Chris Rieser-President, Connie Sargent Vice-President, Jim McWilliams-Treasurer, Jim Brammer-Director, Barbara Hansen-Director, and Rob Manigold- Ex-Officio. If you or someone you know is intrigued by Peninsula history and would like to look into becoming a board member, please contact Chris or Connie through our email:

doughertyoldmission@yahoo.com Our hiking trail (½ mile) has been getting a lot of use this past year providing people time to experience nature. Tim Quinn and his grandchildren as well as the Dougherty work crew have worked hard to keep it clear and walkable. In the Fall dead ash trees were removed as part of managing the woods. When you visit the trail see if you can spot the two champion American Chestnut trees on the neighboring private properties north and south of the Dougherty property

Membership Committee – Judith Weaver weavmusic@aol.com

No report

Lighthouse Committee (ad hoc) – Laura Johnson ljohnson@acegroup.cc & Chris Rieser crieser99@icloud.com

We have finished the historic shutter project! Take a look. They are beautiful. A celebration of the Lighthouse as well as us handing over the check will happen at 10 am Monday November 9. See the Lighthouse website for details.

Log Church Committee-

No report. Chair needed to head up display renovation.

Hessler Log Cabin Committee- Phyllis Cooley Phyllis.cooley49@gmail.com

On Oct 13 Chris & John presented Henry Hidalgo's (repairs) proposal to Township Board. Quoting Chris, "They liked it, said the repairs were necessary and approved it!"

Program Committee- Judy Weaver weavmusic@aol.com & Ann Swaney aswaney@nmc.edu

Just to remind us of past good times with in person meetings and activities, we'll be showing photos of us all in action, and giving special recognition to those we've lost in the past decade via a special Holiday Zoom meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, December 3. This will be accompanied by a soundtrack of holiday music worldwide.

If anyone who's lost a spouse, family member or a friend who was active in OMPHS, please send us one or more digital photos of that individual via e mail. If you have a photo which is not digital, please call Judy Weaver (231-944-6458) and I'll make arrangements to borrow it to scan.

Archives and Newsletter Committee- Ann Swaney aswaney@nmc.edu

Will provide archival pictures for Holiday Zoom meeting.

Memorial Committee- No Report

Website Committee-Barb Berthelson bbrthlson@gmail.com

No report.

Log Cabin Day Committee- Amy Lyman alyman999@gmail.com

No Report.

Hospitality Committee - Karen Rieser krieser19@att.net

No report

Tree Committee-Jim Hall halljr@aol.com and Laura Johnson ljohnson@acegroup.cc Brian

Brooks

No report.