

Old Mission Peninsula Historical Society Meeting

June 4, 2020

Zoom

Attendance: John Scarbrough, Karen and Chris Rieser, Mary Morgan, Lee Hornberger, Steve Lewis, Amy and Brad Lyman, Ann Swaney, Jim Hall, Connie Sargent, Judy and Ken Weaver, Jane Boursaw, Tom Dalluge, Nora and Dean Francis, Brian Brooks, Barb Berthelsen, Laura Johnson, Phyllis Cooley, and Susan Feiger.

Meeting Called to order approximately 6:20 PM by President John Scarbrough.

Business

1. Minutes for May 2020 approved.
2. Communications and Announcements – Barb Berthelsen, Ann Swaney, and Judith Weaver have arranged for a virtual program presented by Angie Jensen: “ How Our History Found Us: The Historical Journey of the Old Mission Inn.” The presentation will take place on Thursday June 11th, 2020 at 6pm via Zoom. It will then be put on the OMPHS website for public viewing. May’s Lincoln presentation may currently be viewed on the website under ‘Highlights’.

Kennard Weaver has created a virtual tour of the Peter Dougherty House. It is a thirteen minute tour available for review on the OMPHS website.

Old Business:

1. Confirmation of Officers: Steve Lewis was confirmed as vice president and Dean Francis as treasurer. Welcome.
2. Lighthouse Shutters: Shutters have not been ordered yet, but are in the architect’s plans. It is hoped they will be ordered by the end of the summer.
3. Replica Church: Permission has been given by the Township to remove the middle section and archive its contents. The Log Church committee can then come in and design displays and furnishings. There has been discussion of moving the Log Church to a location closer to the Dougherty House, this will be a Township decision.
4. Visitors have requested that Log Cabin shutters be taken down. It is felt with COVID-19 this would not be a healthy option.
5. Audit- The OMPHS has never had a formal audit, therefore prior to handing the books over to a new treasurer it was felt one should be done. The report is preliminary as it does not include information from April and May statistics. It is clear that we need to make a budget and reconfigure the structure with controls. The executive committee will meet over the summer to accomplish these tasks. Part of the reconfiguration will address the titles of the Tree Memorial Fund and the Memorial Fund.

Dean has purchased QuickBooks for Non Profits and is in the process of entering the OMPHS financials. A request was made to provide to Dean any information on OMPHS assets. This would include unsold ornaments, computer hardware, etc.

New Business:

1. Committee Reports- (Attached, see below)
2. Fundraisers- Discussion looking at future projects with Bowers Harbor Vineyards. Please share any ideas.
3. M-37 Letter- The public hearing meeting has been moved back to September by MDOT. Nora Francis will write a letter on behalf of OMPHS.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen and Chris Rieser, Co-Secretaries

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Committee Reports & Significant Dates

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Exec Board/Committee John Scarbrough john.scarbrough123@gmail.com We've hosted several Zoom meetings with membership, the Board and a presenter (see Program Committee). We've been working on the audit and transitioning to a new VP and Treasurer.

Treasurer Report/Budget Committee Dean Francis deanfrancis@mac.com

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the treasurer for OMPHS. I look forward to working with you and getting to know you better.

In preparation for assuming my responsibilities, I have been working with John Scarbrough to gain access to the society's account at Credit Union One. This will allow me to make deposits and write checks as needed.

I have also been able to secure a non-profit version of Quick Books, an accounting software system, for the society's future use through an organization that provides technical products to non-profit organizations. Our cost for this software was \$50, and Nora and I paid for this as a donation to OMPHS. This software will allow us to track contributions, expenses, account for designated funds, and provide a wide variety of reports as they are needed.

John has been working with Mary Krantz, CPA to complete the audit that the board members authorized recently. Once the audit is completed, I hope to have starting balances for the funds that can be entered into Quick Books so that the OMPHS members can have a report of our financial status as soon as possible.

Please contact me, if you have questions. My mobile number is 847-927-5953 or my email is deanfrancis@mac.com

Peter Dougherty Society - Chris Rieser. The PDS Cleanup Day has stretched into a several weeks project! A number of volunteers have worked on the garden and borders as well as a number of indoor activities including dusting, cleaning up holiday items, uncovering and putting out artifacts and furniture.

We are ready to open!!!...with new rack cards and docents. However, we are delayed due to the COVID19 shutdown of Michigan museums. Please watch for announcements and our web site for an opening date and

times. Precautions for docents and visitors will follow the instructions from the Peninsula Township that are to be posted at the front door.

This summer's projects include outdoor painting, installation of a phone and internet, placement of newly reupholstered furniture, organizing the office, as well as the cataloging of our collection of artifacts. Trail cleanup is generously being done by the Tim Quinn family as in the past. Finally, the Board is exploring with the Township and the Michigan Historic Preservation Network a possible relocation of the Replica Log Church to the Dougherty Historic Property.

Membership Committee – Judith Weaver weavmusic@aol.com

Judy is keeping a record of our members and working with Dean Francis to track payment of dues.

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

Chris, Laura and John are not members of this committee but have been attending the ad hoc group every Tuesday morning and sharing their input. Chris and Laura are making good progress with the historic shutter and door project.

The Peninsula Township Lighthouse Committee Status Report May 4, 2020 is available on the Township web site.

Log Church Committee – John Scarbrough (current contact) Now that construction folks are back to work, we have received permission from the Township to remove the center display cabinets to open the church up to be similar to what the original looked like before it burnt. This replica was built in 1939. Craig Hedley, Executive Director of the Dennis Museum, has provided us with guidance and resources about how to archive and preserve the wonderful drawings in the center display as well as other documents. Once the displays are down, the committee will decide how to furnish the church as well as what displays to create.

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Hessler Log Cabin Committee - Phyllis Cooley pacooley@yahoo.com and winter help from Laura Johnson ljohnson@acegroup.cc

Marty and John have met with Henry Hildago on several occasions dealing with the chipmunk, mice, and porcupines. The porkies have been chomping corners pretty well this winter. We are also planning how to deal with roof, gutter, and splash rock issues. Additionally, we had an exterminator take care of the carpenter ants.

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

Ann has been helping us learn how to archive historical documents.

Memorial Committee-

No Report

Website Committee-Barb Berthelsen bbrthison@gmail.com Barb has been keeping the web site up to date, frequently making needed changes. Thank you, Barb.

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

Ann Swaney, with Barb Berthelsen's and Judy Weaver's assistance, has arranged an excellent virtual program to be presented by Angie Jensen of the Old Mission Inn, "How Our History Found Us: the Historical Journey of the Old Mission Inn." The presentation date will be in early to mid-June via Zoom. It will also be recorded for later posting on our web site. We'll keep you posted.

Steven Siciliano's excellent May presentation on Lincoln is currently available on our web site: omphistoricalsociety.org.

We welcome suggestions from members for fall programs. Please contact Ann Swaney (aswaney@acegroup.cc) or Judy Weaver (weavmusic@aol.com) with your suggestions. Thank you all!

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

Event canceled until further notice. Hopefully, we'll get together in the fall.

Hospitality Committee - Karen Rieser krieser19@att.net

Hospitality committee.....not so hospitable these days. This is a joke, folks.

Tree Planting Committee - Jim Hall halljr@aol.com and Laura Johnson ljohnson@acegroup.cc and Brian Brooks b3b@quad.com

In May, a total of 19 trees were planted on Center Road north of Kroupa Road and 6 trees remain to be planted as replacements when budding allows easy recognition of dead trees. The tree planting this year was not officially done by the scout troop, but some families came forward and did great in the tree planting while ensuring safe practices for all. There have been 10 Memorial Trees sold through May. Thank you all. Brian, you are taking this torch forward and keeping young people involved. We love it! And your idea to only have siblings work together made this an even safer event.