

Old Mission Peninsula Historical Society
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Committee Reports & Significant Dates
Thursday, February 6, 2020

Executive Board/Committee -- John Scarbrough:

We are working on a possible agreement with Bowers Harbor to do fundraisers at the Winery. Each will require one or two OMPHS members and a very small-time commitment, much less time than we would have spent had we taken on the wine label contest. Bowers Harbor will do most of the work. One possible event will require a person to narrate the four historic sites. We may start this winter with a snowshoe event. Linda at Bowers Harbor gives so much back to the community including fundraisers for the Tart Trails, the Lighthouse and now us.

Amy and Ellen are hosting a dinner to plan for Log Cabin Days. Laura and Chris are making great progress on the shutter and door project at the Lighthouse. The Log Church and Executive Committees will meet with Dennis Museum's Executive Director, Craig Hedley, the middle of February. He is an expert on museum displays and protecting existing displays. Mr. Hedley will listen to the committee member's ideas and share his own.

Rob Manigold is very supportive of the Log Church display renovation and has offered to supplement the money we already have. The first \$3,000 was donated by a few people, including Barb Berthelson, OMWomen's Club, & Ellen Kerr. We are excited about updating and opening up the interior of the Log Church to increase people's awareness of Old Mission Peninsula history. Our membership drive has yielded 16 new members.

Treasurer Report/ Budget Committee – Ellen Kerr

Checking Balance \$15595.11
Saving Balance \$ 2060.85

Memorial Fund \$340
Tree Fund \$4244.95
Log Church \$3000
Log Cabin Fund \$1812.59
LH Fund \$10898.96

Budget Committee meets February 12 (John S. Chris Rieser, Ellen K.)

Dougherty Mission House – Chris Rieser

First, we have a change of leadership. After a decade and a half, Bill Cole has retired as board President and resigned from the board. Chris Rieser, board treasurer stepped forward to take the reins as President at the January meeting of the board. The Annual Fundraising effort has been quite successful. Monies raised will be used for this year's projects and on-going expenses of running our museum. Thanks to a grant by the Questers several pieces of period furniture have been repaired and reupholstered and are ready to be installed by the Interior Committee. Our usual cleanup day will be set up for May. Summer

projects include signage for the outhouse, summer kitchen and carriage shed, organizing the office and records, maintenance work including touch up painting and yard work. The biggest need at this point is recruiting docents and greeters as well as board members. If you are interested in either, please let Connie or Chris know.

Membership Committee – John Scarbrough

Attracting new members is key to getting our historical information out as well as getting an active membership for now and in the future. We need more volunteers in leadership positions and to do the day-to-day work of the Historical Society. Since September, we have attracted 16 new members. This has been the result of you talking with your friends and colleagues (keep up the good work!) as well as announcements in the OM Gazette (thank you, Jane!) and in the NextDoor social media site, which is sent to over 1,000 families on the peninsula. Chris Rieser has developed a spreadsheet that allows us to easily update our membership rolls. And our potential fundraising activities with Bowers Harbor Winery should also make an impact (thank you, Linda, Kristy, Lindsay, and Tom).

Lighthouse Committee (ad hoc) – Laura Johnson and Chris Rieser

Laura, Chris and John have been attending the Township Lighthouse group at 9:30 AM on Tuesdays since November. Rob, Becky and Marge represent the township and Ginger the Lighthouse Manager is there as presenter. She presents status reports on the lighthouse and they make the decisions. The group has accepted OMPHS's gift of shutters and has incorporated them into the 150th anniversary of the Lighthouse which is a big deal for the Township. Next month the engineering firm that did the original historic structures report, Sanders & Czapski is sending Ken Czapski (Pronounced-chap-ski) for a site visit. The request for engineering includes many improvements which are too numerous to list here. More details to come.

Log Church Committee- Amy Lyman (current Contact)

Members will meet with Executive Board and Craig Hadley at the Log Church 2pm on Friday, Feb. 21 in the afternoon. Please mark your calendars and review you notes and photos.

Hessler Log Cabin Committee- (Phyllis Cooley and winter help from Laura Johnson.) No Report

Archives and Newsletter Committee- Ann Swaney

No Report

Memorial Committee-Ellen Kerr

Sales of wood ornaments of our four historical sites will fund memorials other than trees.

Website Committee-Barb Berthelson

No report. Please visit our site for updates.

Program Committee- Judy Weaver & Ann Swaney

The program committee announces a change in the March 5 program Our own member, author Karen Rieser, will talk about the subject of her recently published book, "The History of Education on the Old Mission Peninsula." We are thinking our former March program, the "Print and Scan" session will possibly take place during a daytime session during the summer. That way our summer residents can also have the chance to photograph, print and scan articles for both our Old Mission historical archives, and also for theirs.

Log Cabin Day Committee- Amy Lyman

Our first planning meeting is 5 pm Thursday, February 13 at Ellen Kerr's home. RED Valentine dinner follows. New ideas and members are encouraged to attend. Michigan Log Cabin Day is the last Sunday in June. This year June 28.

Hospitality Committee- Karen Rieser

Hospitality Committee: Karen Rieser, We have enough people signed up for cookies. It would be helpful if OMHS members would aid in clean-up so we can be out of the library promptly at 8:00 PM. Our responsibilities are to stack chairs, return tables to where we found them, vacuum, wipe down all surfaces where eating or drinking took place, dispose of the garbage, and pack up supplies. Thank you in advance.

Tree Planting Committee-Jim Hall and Laura Johnson

Reviewed with Executive Committee the history of the Tree Fund.

Significant Dates:

February 13 (Thurs) – Please come! Log Cabin DAY planning meeting 5, dinner 6pm at Ellen Kerr Home. RSVP 248-835-6927

February 19 (Wed) – Executive Board 3 pm at John S home

February 21 (Fri) – Log Church Committee and Executive Board meet at Log Church with Craig Hadley of Dennon Museum.

February 25 (Tues) – Everyone is invited to Tuesdays with Tim (Carroll) and Guests. Library 2pm. Every 4th Tuesday.

March 1 (Sunday) – Committee Chairs: Reports due for March Pink Pages.

March 5 (Thurs) - General meeting 6pm. Library Speaker Karen Rieser on Schools of Old Mission.

March 23 (Tues) – Tuesdays with Tim and Guests. Library 2 pm.