

Minutes
Old Mission Peninsula Historical Society
January 7, 2021

Attendance: Karen and Chris Rieser, Jim Hall, Dean Francis, Wayne Kladder, Patty and Rudy Rudolph, Jane Boursaw, Mary Morgan, Lee Hornberger, Steve Lewis, Ann Swaney, Judy Weaver, Laura Johnson, Kennard Weaver, Connie Sargent, John Scarborough and Barb Berthelson.

Meeting called to order by President John Scarborough at 6:10 p.m. via Zoom

Business:

1. **November minutes** approved with the correction of the spelling of Tom Dalluge's name.
2. **Financial Report** given by Dean Francis – see attached information.
3. Ann and Judy – **Programs** – Eric Hemenway of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians will present Parts 1 and 2 of his presentation concerning Native American Leaders. Part 1, January 14th at 6 p.m. will discuss the era through the Civil War. Part 2 will be presented February 4th at 6 p.m. taking us from the Civil War to Repatriation.
4. No **agenda** changes.

Old Business

1. The new Bylaws were discussed and refined. See attached. These will be voted on at the Feb meeting.
2. Dues change document was discussed and refined. See attached.

New Business

1. See attached committee reports.
2. Discussed PR for future programs.
 - a. Jane Boursaw will put the information into the Gazette.
 - b. John will put them on Nextdoor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58

Respectfully submitted,
Karen and Chris Rieser
Co-secretaries

OMPHS FINANCIAL POSITION

January 7, 2021

Assets

Checking Account **\$12,060.42**

Restricted Assets and Liabilities

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Hessler Log Cabin | \$1,018.57 | |
| Memorial Trees | 4,221.12 | |
| Heritage Fund | 120.00 | |
| Mission Church Replica | 3,000.00 | |
| Mission Point Lighthouse | 0 | |
| Total Restricted Funds | | \$8,359.69 |

Accounts Payable 0

Total Restricted Funds &
Accounts Payable **\$8,359.69**

Unrestricted Funds Available **\$ 3,700.73**

Old Mission Peninsula Historical Society

Proposed Membership Dues Rates

Effective January 1, 2021

Adopted 1/7/2021

| | <u>Current</u> | <u>2021-2022</u> |
|--|----------------|------------------|
| Student | \$5 | \$5 |
| Individual | \$10 | \$20 |
| Family | \$15 | \$30 |
| Business | \$25 | \$40 |
| Sustaining | n/a | \$100 or more |
| Mary & Walter Johnson Lifetime Membership | n/a | \$500 |

**OLD MISSION PENINSULA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BY-LAWS**

As Approved (Date)

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be OLD MISSION PENINSULA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ARTICLE II – PURPOSES

The purposes of this Society are the following:

- 1) To develop, foster, and encourage the collection of historical materials and promote historical consciousness concerning the Old Mission Peninsula,
- 2) To encourage and support the preservation of historical structures on the Old Mission Peninsula,
- 3) To explore the feasibility of establishing one or more historical districts on Old Mission Peninsula, and
- 4) To help and support the historical policy of Peninsula Township, as adopted.
- 5) To provide OMP historical presentations and an informative website.
- 6) To honor, research, and educate ourselves and others about the history of the Native Americans of our area. This includes the pre-European contact as far back as 9,000 years ago, the Dougherty and post-Dougherty eras.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

The membership shall include all persons who have paid their annual dues for a membership period from June 1st to May 31st. Members shall receive notice of

regular monthly meetings, as well as the annual and special meetings, and shall be entitled to vote.

Dues may be changed by majority vote of the membership if deemed necessary and proper.

ARTICLE IV – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS

The officers of the Society shall be elected by the membership at the annual meeting, and shall consist of president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. The Executive Committee shall consist of the four current officers and the immediate past president. They shall assist the president in the management of the Society. The consent of three Executive Committee members shall be necessary for any Executive Committee action. The Executive Committee may make decisions at a meeting, by phone, or by e-mail. Any actions of the Executive Committee will be shared with the membership of the Society at the next meeting of the Society. All significant items will be voted on by the membership.

All terms of office shall be for two years or until their successors are elected. To allow for staggered terms, the president and secretary shall be elected for two-year terms in odd numbered years, and the vice-president and treasurer shall be elected for two-year terms in even numbered years. Should a vacancy occur, the president, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a person to complete the unexpired term.

ARTICLE V – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

A. The president shall chair general meetings of the whole Society, appoint

committee chairpersons, maintain Society's contractual obligations, and perform such other duties as may be required by the Society. The president shall be an ex officio member of all committees.

- B. The vice-president shall assume the duties of the president in his/her absence, and other duties as designated by the Executive Committee. The vice-president shall compile the committee summaries and forward them to the president.
- C. The secretary, or an alternate, shall attend all meetings of the Society and create draft minutes which shall be forwarded to the president for revision or comment prior to the president's distribution of the minutes to the membership for final revision, adoption, and distribution via e-mail and/or the website.
- D. The treasurer shall be the financial officer and shall receive and deposit in the bank all monies and an accurate account thereof. The treasurer shall be responsible for an Internal Financial Controls Policy (IFCP), adopted by the Executive Committee and approved by a vote of the membership. Membership approval or approval of the Executive Committee shall be required for all expenditures of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) or more. At the end of his/her terms, he/she shall deliver to the successor all books, monies, bank records, checkbook, electronic records, account passwords, and other property of the Society then in his/her possession.

The fiscal year of the Society shall be June 1st to May 31st.

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

The president shall appoint the chairpersons of the following standing committees, with specified responsibilities, as soon as possible after the annual meeting:

- A. Historical Structures - manages the Hessler Log House and Replica

Log Church in cooperation with the township.

- B. Membership – maintain accurate membership list; outreach for new members
- C. Archives – maintain and catalog papers of the Society as well as other historical documents that come into the possession of the Society
- D. Program – plan programs for regular meetings or special events, including recruiting a chair for Log Cabin Day.
- E. Publicity – Publicize events and programs to the members as well as the larger community.
- F. Hospitality - provide snacks and drinks for regular meetings, dinners, and special meetings.
- G. Website – maintain an attractive and informative website.
- H. Tree Committee – restore the historical tree canopy, planting trees on OMP.

Chairpersons shall report before each business meeting to the vice-president, who shall forward these reports, to the president.

The president shall appoint special committees or new standing committees, as required, and a nominating committee two months prior to the anticipated election.

ARTICLE VII – MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Meetings shall be held the first Thursday of each month except for July and August. A summer program may be added in the future. The June meeting shall be the annual meeting. Meetings shall be open to the public, but voting shall be restricted to members.

The president or Executive Committee may call a special meeting as necessary, with the due notice written or electronic, sent not less than seven (7) days in advance of the special meeting except in extreme emergency.

Fifteen percent of the paid membership shall constitute a quorum at any meeting. A majority vote of those present will be necessary to pass any issue being voted upon.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote after being presented in writing to the membership. The vote shall be taken after a meeting at which the proposed amendment has been discussed.

MEMBERSHIP BY-LAW APPENDUM

Be it resolved that Old Mission Peninsula Historical Society annual dues, for the period June 1st through May 31st, are due the first Thursday of June.

Executive Committee

We edited the OMPHS Bylaws for clarity with particular attention to the function of the committees. The membership will review that proposal in January and vote on the final version in February.

In January we will bring a proposal that adjusts our dues structure and adds the Mary and Walter Johnson Lifetime membership.

Our ornament sales have earned us over \$1,100.

Tree Committee Report

December activity included the completion of the pruning and maintenance project that was contracted this fall. The 2020 project involved 157 trees and 7 locations on Center, Smokey Hollow and Island View Roads.

Program Committee

Eric Hemenway, whom several of us saw virtually on December 14, is willing to do a virtual program for us at a time of mutual convenience. Because of time constraints, we are looking at a date separate from our regular business meeting.

Hemenway is a member of the Little Traverse Band and the December program was about Odawa leaders from the time of European settlement here and the resettlement of Native

Americans after the treaties of 1836 and 1855. The program was given under the auspices of NCMC in Petoskey. Laura Johnson brought it to our attention.

Other Committees

No reports during this holiday season.