

Old Mission Peninsula Historical Society Minutes  
March 4, 2021

Attendance: Dean and Nora Francis, Jim and Judy Hall, Barb Berry, Steve and Peg Siciliano, Mary Morgan, Steve Lewis, Connie Sargent, Dave Smith, Peg Byland, JoAnne Cole, Tanda, John and Mary Creager, Ann Swaney, Brian Aurand, Lori, Jane Boursaw, M. Jenkins, John Scarbrough, Chris Rieser, Amy Lyman, Cleone, Tom Dalluge, Nancy Frasier, P.K. Dave Smith, Laura Johnson, Don Seman, Anita Klein, Barb Berthelson, Rebecca Glofelty, Dave and Sue Smith, Nancy Schulte, and Deanna Dahl-Grove.

Meeting Called To Order by President John Scarbrough at 6:01 pm.

Old Business:

February Minutes - Approved – Steve Lewis and Ann Swaney

Treasure's Report – see attached report. One lifetime member (\$500) was signed up and we received \$6.17 from Amazon Smile.

Candidates – The Search Committee is looking for a President and Secretary.

- a. Karen and Chris Rieser offered to be secretaries again.

New Business:

Committee Reports – see attached.

Volunteer needed for the Hospitality Chair. Duties – arrange potlucks – in non-Covid times – in December and June, secure people to bake cookies for meetings and aid is set up and tear down of offerings at monthly meetings.

Log Cabin Day –

- a. too soon as Covid is still a concern.
- b. replace with a History Day in the Fall
  1. discuss with the OMP Township
    - a) dates
    - b) activities – apple cider, etc.

Motion made to proceed with the activity by Steve Lewis and Laura John

Adjourn – 6:16 pm

**OMPHS FINANCIAL POSITION**

March 2, 2021

Assets

Checking Account

\$15,462.29

Restricted Assets and Liabilities

Hessler Log Cabin	\$1,018.57
Memorial Trees	4,282.36
Heritage Fund	120.00
Mission Church Replica	3,000.00
Mission Point Lighthouse	0

**Total Restricted Funds**

**\$8,420.93**

Accounts Payable

0

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**Unrestricted Funds Available**

**\$7,041.36**

Executive Committee, John Scarbrough

We will start the search for a president: Nominate in April, vote in May and install in June.

Program Committee, Judith Weaver

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The Pandemics: 1918, and Now” Peg Siciliano presenter

Peg is a Traverse Area Historical Society member, and an archivist

April 1, 2021

“Origins of the Modern Museum—A Brief History and some Preservation Tips”

Craig Hadley, Executive Director of the Dennis Museum at NMC

May 6, 2021

“Treasures Found While Exploring the Local History Room at Peninsula Community Library”

OMPHS member and librarian Mary Morgan

All meetings and programs will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom until further notice.

Tree Committee, Jim Hall and Brian Brooks

We began soliciting locations to plant trees this spring using the Nextdoor App and so far we have placement for approximately 20 trees and we will issue a 2nd request to the community before month end as our target is 40 trees this year. We may consider allowing people to sponsor more mature trees at a higher price as a trial this year to see what kind of response we get. We will again work with local peninsula Scout Troop 34 to plant and mulch the trees. As we reported last time, we contracted with an individual to do some much needed care for trees in certain areas and that work has been completed.

Peter Dougherty Committee, Chris Raiser

The Dougherty Board has been meeting monthly to go over plans for projects and anticipated opening this summer. We have installed an electronic air filter as have all the other Township buildings with heating systems. Our roadside signage project made possible through a generous gift by a Peninsula resident is moving along. Four signs will be placed along Center, Old Mission, and Swaney Roads directing visitors to the Dougherty Mission House as well as the Replica Log Church. We are especially proud of the inclusion of Anishinaabemowin language signage created in cooperation with the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa Chippewa Indians. Recently the House was host to Sierra Clark, Record-Eagle Mishigamiing Journalism Project journalist, and a tribal elder. Sierra is using research materials from our collection to help write her article.

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No reports from other committees.

Respectfully Submitted, Karen and Chris Rieser Co-secretaries
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