

Old Mission Peninsula Historical Society Meeting
April 1st, 2021

Attendance: Karen and Chris Rieser, John Scarbrough, Anne Swaney, Jim Hall, Steve Lewis, Tom Dalluge, Connie Sargent, Bruce Borchardt, Mary Morgan, Dean and Nora Francis, Anita Klein, Judy and Kennard Weaver, seamusshiners, Laura Johnson, Craig Hadley, Susan Feiger, Sammie, JoAnne Cole, and Dave's Ipad.

Meeting called to order 6:05 by President John Scarbrough.

New Business:

1. Minutes for March-Presented and approved.
2. Treasures Report – Presented and approved -see attached
 - a. Dean checking into less expensive insurance. As of now we have a million dollars of insurance per incident coverage. Is this a true need. He will bring this idea to the board.

Old Business:

1. Harvesting our History –Meeting was held 5 PM prior this OMPHS meeting. Judy will be submitting notes as to the discussion and decisions. Key people on this committee are Judy Weaver and Laura Johnson. Get in touch with Judy or Laura with ideas or other concerns. Judy will e-mail information concerning another meeting.
2. Committee Reports – see attached.
 - a. Jim Hall – the tree committee is planning to plant a memorial tree for all those who have lost their lives due to COVID. The tree, an idea brought forth by Mary Morgan, will be planted on the grounds of the library (Vicki has picked out a spot). A bronze plaque is suggested for the base of the tree. A list, kept at the library, of the names of the

victims will be buried with the trees planting. We will not ask for donations. The tree will be planted in mid or late summer.

5. Anne Swaney - M-37 is no longer a Scenic Heritage road. Anne suggested we ask for the Scenic Heritage road signs for historical preservation. Motion made and passed.

6. Reminder to e-mail Laura, Judy, and Dean concerning the Harvesting our History event.

Adjourned 6:14 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Karen and Chris Rieser
Co-secretaries

Meeting was followed by an excellent presentation by Craig Hadley on the History of Museums.

OMPHS FINANCIAL POSITION

March 31, 2021

Assets

Checking Account	<u>\$15,499.00</u>
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Restricted Assets and Liabilities

Hessler Log Cabin	\$1,024.16	
Memorial Trees	4,363.04	
Heritage Fund	120.00	
Mission Church Replica	3,000.00	
Mission Point Lighthouse	0	
Total Restricted Funds		\$8,507.20

Accounts Payable	0
Total Restricted Funds & Accounts Payable	<u>\$8,507.20</u>

Unrestricted Funds Available	\$6991.80
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OMPHS Board of Directors, John Scarbrough, Steve Lewis, Laura Johnson, Dean Francis, Karen Rieser, Chris Rieser

Dean Francis and Laura Johnson are our Nominating Committee. They are searching for candidates for the position of President and Secretary.

Tree Committee, Jim Hall, Laura Johnson and Brian Brooks

- The response Brian Brooks received from a recent posting on the Nextdoor App has resulted in new locations for approximately 40 trees along Center Road. Timing for the spring tree planting with Boy Scout Troop 34 has yet to be established.
- The Tree Committee is working on summer plans to plant a Memorial Tree in memory of those individuals whose lives have been lost to COVID. The tree would be located on the grounds of the Community Library. Mary Morgan had originally proposed the idea, and Vicki Shurly has enthusiastically given her support as well as all on the Tree Committee. Our thoughts are that anyone could submit the name of a friend or loved one lost to COVID and we would compile a memorial listing of names which we would bury with the tree at a celebratory tree planting. A stone with an appropriately engraved bronze plaque would be placed at the base of the tree, indicating it was given by the OMPHS. Our initial thoughts would be to send out notices via local media (*OM Gazette, Neighbors North/Nextdoor App., Peninsula Newsletter, OMPHS Contact List*), with instructions for anyone on how they could provide the name of a friend or family member lost to COVID to be included in the memorial listing. Any contributions would also be entirely voluntary. Note: Any additional thoughts by OMPHS membership would be appreciated by the Tree Committee.
- So far this year we have received orders for 6 Memorial Trees, bringing the total count of dedicated Memorial Trees to 278.

Log Cabin Day, Laura Johnson

Due to the lingering COVID pandemic, we will not celebrate the state recognized official day, on the last Sunday in June. Instead, we have met with Township and have set a target date of Sunday, August 29, 2021, for a Harvesting our History event. Stay tuned for further developments.

If this nice weather continues, we could consider having an outdoor cleanup around the Log Cabin and Log Church in March instead of May!

Nominating Committee

Laura Johnson and Dean Francis chair the Nominating Committee and are seeking nominations for President and Secretary. Karen and Chris Rieser have agreed to place their names in nomination.

No reports from other committees.