

Old Mission Peninsula Historical Society

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Committee Reports & Significant Dates

Thursday, November 7, 2019 6:30 p.m.

Executive Board/Committee -- John Scarbrough:

Exec, Committee met October 30 and discussed:

Plans for the Holiday Party (December 5, Legion Hall)

John has contacted insurance company regarding liability insurance for officers

Received report from Lighthouse shutter group (Laura and Chris) that the project has been approved by the Township' LH group

Clarified leadership roles based on the by-laws

Treasurer Report/ Budget Committee – Ellen Kerr

October 21, 2019

Checking Balance: \$4331.64

Savings Balance: \$2060.57

Tree Fund: \$3770.56

Log Church Fund: \$3000.00

Hessler Log Cabin \$1664.44

The transfer of approximately \$10,900.00 from MPLHF is still pending. (for shutters)

Ellen has done some preliminary work on a **budget** and will be meeting with John and Chris.

Dougherty Mission House – Bill Cole

Joyous dedication grand opening on June 15 with over 150 in attendance. To date almost 750 visitors from 30 states and 10 foreign countries have visited. Many thanks to Connie Sargent (269-760-3019) for organizing the docent program and to all who helped visitors. Talk to Connie if you'd like to volunteer next season. The House is now closed for the winter except by special request. The benches on the front porch have been repaired and painted. The natural gas line has been installed and is operational.

Membership Committee – Ellen Kerr and Chris Rieser

Anne Griffiths has resigned as chair. Thanks to Anne for her service. As Treasurer, Ellen will continue to accept, deposit and report new memberships and dues and Chris will help keep the electronic roster updated. Continue to invite your friends and neighbors. As a result of your outreach, we have several new members. Ellen will have membership applications available and asks your help in greeting newcomers. We encourage using nametags. We'll be reviewing more membership initiatives for implementation.

Welcome New Members:

Jeff and Marilyn Elliott

Heather Johnson & Randy Struck

Barbara Wunch

Rick and Mary Kay Burbee

Martha and Tom Dalluge

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

Met with the Township's LH Committee (Rob Manigold, Rebecca Chown, Marge Achorn), on October 21. Discussed the proposed gift of shutters for the LH, to be funded by a gift from the Mission Point Lighthouse Friends funds now transferred to OMPHS after that organization dissolved.

Shutters were historically used on the lighthouse but have not been part of the exterior in recent years. The Lighthouse's Historic Structures Report (HSR) includes the option of reinstalling shutters, recommending the design to be based on historic photographs. (The HSR can be accessed from the Townships website.) Photographic details show the shutters to be solid with an upside-down cross framing.

The committee is supportive of our effort and in fact, the installation of shutters would be harmonious with the improvements proposed by the Township. We received permission to measure the windows, which Chris and Laura did on October 25.

The shutters will need to be approved by the MI State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). A SHPO visit is anticipated in the near future, and our committee is invited to attend.

Log Church Committee - Amy Lyman (current Contact)

No report.

Hessler Log Cabin Committee- (Phyllis Cooley and winter help from Laura Johnson)

Met on October 10 and created both Annual and Monthly Maintenance Checklists for the Cabin. Need volunteers to sign up at the monthly OMPHS meetings or by contacting Laura. The cabin was cleaned, shuttered and closed for the season on October 19. Thanks to all who came to help. The wildflower garden signs were removed for the winter and stored in the cabin. We hope to let the autumn leaves stay on the garden this winter. Tom Obrecht removed the nautical rope fence and whipped it. It has been returned. Three flower pots are stored in the garage for winter.

Archives and Newsletter Committee- Ann Swaney

No Report

Memorial Committee-Ellen Kerr

No Report

Website Committee-Barb Berthelson

Barb reports from Florida (lucky...) She has been:

- 1) posting Ken Weaver's announcements for televised replays of our speakers. (Thanks, Ken for your taping and distributing.)
- 2) putting interactive posts on Facebook inviting participants to share past events they know about.
- 3) Needs more photos. Please send your photos of speakers, events, Cider fest, Holiday Party etc. to Barb.
- 4) She wants to post the minutes ASAP after the meetings so anyone who missed a meeting can volunteer for upcoming events.

Anyone interested in learning how to help with the website or Facebook can call Barb. Training is available.

Program Committee- Judy Weaver & Ann Swaney

No report,

Log Cabin Day Committee- Amy Lyman

We will begin dinner and planning meetings in February. Please consider new ideas.

Hospitality Committee-(Karen Rieser)

Thanks to Karen for volunteering to chair! We need cookie bakers for March, April and May. Please let Karen know if you can provide about 4 dozen cookies for one of these meetings. Thank **JoAnn Cole** for tonight's cookies!

We'll vote tonight on heavy hors d'oeuvres or a sit down meal for our holiday party. Please sign the clipboard to tell what you'd like to share. Let Karen know if you'll help plan, set-up or clean-up.

Tree Planting Committee-Jim Hall and Laura Johnson

We received orders for 3 Memorial Trees this month, bringing total additions for the year to 10 trees (and a grand total of 246 memorial trees.) Jim, Cal Jamieson and Laura met to familiarize Laura with the activities of the committee.

Significant Dates:

Thursday, December 5 at Legion Hall in Old Mission HOLIDAY PARTY