

OMPHS MINUTES JANUARY 4, 2024

We met at the library's Community Room. Twenty-four members and guests were with us. Lighthouse Director, Ginger Schultz presented our excellent program, "Updates and New Information about Mission Point Lighthouse." We learned lots about the lighthouse history and new programs and initiatives taking place.

Our business meeting began at 6:50 p.m. David Taylor, Vice-President, presided. The November 5 minutes were approved as distributed. Dean Francis, Treasurer, announced we'll have a more complete Financial Report soon. In the meantime, he announced that our annual Appeal letter netted donations of \$3400. Additionally, we received an anonymous unrestricted donation of \$5000. We now have \$25,792 in assets. \$5889 is in separate Restricted Funds. Following last month's meeting Dean shared the advice of a member with the Executive Committee, and now has invested \$18,000 of our funds into a ladder of CD's. David Taylor commented that we've had a 40% increase in revenue since June!

Co-President Tom Dalluge attended by Zoom. He made an appeal to members to save cardboard half gallon milk and juice containers for chestnut seedlings to be planted in during March.

The Program Committee announced it would like to increase amounts of honoraria for outside speakers from \$50.00 to \$100 per program.

Co-President Julie Alexander will be handling our Historical Essay project with the Old Mission School this spring. She asked for volunteers to help review student essays.

Next month's program will feature Emily Modrall of the Traverse Area Historical Society with an update of the continuing Anishinabek Trail Signage Project.

The meeting was adjourned @7:30 p.m.