

OMPHS MINUTES MARCH 2, 2023

President Nikki Sobkowski called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. 23 members attended: Nikki, Dean Francis, Treasurer, Judy Weaver, Secretary, Tom Dalluge, Vice-President; and Nora Francis, Ken Weaver, Connie Sargent, Mary Morgan, Ann Swaney, Barb Wunsch, Chris Rieser, Karen Rieser, William Rudolph, Patti Rudolph, Julie Alexander, JoAnn Cole, Grace Rudd, Judy Hall, Jim Hall, Brad Lyman, Bruce Thomas, Jackie Thomas and Jane Boursaw. There were no guests.

Dean Francis gave some detail on the Treasurer's report. We have \$21,219.57. Of that, there are \$5,030.91 in Restricted Funds for Log Cabin maintenance, Memorial Trees, the Heritage Fund and the Mission Church replica. Therefore, just \$16,188.66 is available for disbursement. We have continuing expenses for liability insurance, web site hosting, dinners, Log Cabin Day expenses etc. Jim Hall asked how much money is in the Memorial Tree Fund. It looks as if that amount may need to be augmented. Dean explained that Log Cabin Day last year netted \$615.00.

Karen Rieser presented an excellent Power Point presentation about the updated exhibit plan for the Replica Log Church. First she corrected a common idea that the building was once a school and presented facts on the school which the mission used.

Karen chaired the Exhibit Committee for the church and was assisted by committee members with expertise in different areas: Dean Francis :Religious History, Chris Rieser: Peter Dougherty's life, Marty Klein: architecture and mission history, the late John Scarbrough: political history, and Grace Rudd: history and landscape architecture. The Big Idea of the displays is to provide a thought-provoking narrative of the role cultural and spiritual beliefs played in the 19th century shift on Old Mission Peninsula. Karen showed examples of the displays currently being produced. She noted the participation of Anishinabek historian JoAnn Cook. Funding came from the Julianne Myers memorial fund, and an anonymous donation. The Township helped with funding when costs were a bit above projections. There will be a grand opening at some point when work is complete.

Following Karen's presentation, there was a discussion of the whereabouts and preservation of the previous exhibits. (Note: Ken Weaver has delivered high quality photos of the previous exhibit materials to Mary Morgan for the library History Room. John Scarbrough left originals in a special archival storage space in the Township office building.)

Committee reports were as follows.

Memorial Tree Fund Jim Hall noted that the provider of the trees didn't bill last year; therefore we will be invoiced for two years this year. There were only 3 trees planted in 2022; this year there are already orders for more than that.

Program Programs are set for the year except for May. We are hoping to have a speaker on maintenance of gravestones. The Legion Hall is reserved for our spring potluck dinner in June.

Log Cabin Day We held an extensive discussion. We have volunteers for almost every task to be accomplished in connection with that. We do not have an overall chair. We discussed whether we want to go ahead with the event. All unanimously approved going ahead. We talked about which aspects of Log Cabin Day are the most labor intensive and discussed scaling back some of the presentations. Sentiment is strong to have both the musicians' presentation and that of the poet, Jim Ribby. If we decide not to have crafters, then we won't have to take the fence at the cabin down, or deal with tents, tables, tablecloths and chairs. The Executive Board will take all this under advisement and discuss further when they meet next Tuesday.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Weaver