

OMPHS MINUTES APRIL 6, 2023

President Nikki Sobkowski called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Members attending were Nikki, Sobkowski, Tom Dalluge, Ken Weaver, Connie Sargent, Mary Morgan, Ann Swaney, Chris Rieser, Karen Rieser, William Rudolph, Patti Rudolph, Grace Rudd, Tom Schulte, Nancy Schulte, Marie Cornell, and Laura Johnson. There were no guests.

There was no Treasurer's Report. The minutes of the March, 2023 meeting were approved as mailed.

Karen Rieser presented a proposal to spend \$146 for a donations box for the Replica Log Church, which was approved by consensus.

President Sobkowski introduced a proposal by the Mission Point Lighthouse Keepers for collaboration on a new historic sign, to be placed next to a new telescope mounted at the north side of the lighthouse. Tom Dalluge explained that they want OMPHS assistance in drafting the language for the sign, and they also want a contribution for the cost of the sign. They have applied for a grant to pay for the sign, and it was decided to wait for the response to the grant application before assigning a dollar amount contribution by OMPHS.

Log Cabin Day. We have volunteers for almost every task to be accomplished in connection with that. We do not have an overall chair. The Executive Committee accepted volunteers for the various functions, as follows: Hessler Log Cabin, Cooley; Lighthouse, Dean and Nora Francis; Dougherty, Chris Rieser; Replica Church, Karen Rieser and Nikki Sobkowski; Public Relations, Judy Weaver; Lighthouse Park, Marty and Anita Klein. No one has yet volunteered to ask musicians to perform, or to ask a food truck to attend.

Mary Morgan introduced the program, which was a video made at the library about the activity book "Once Upon the Peninsula". The video began with Tim Carroll, and then teacher Liz Hague introduced four Old Mission Peninsula Elementary School students, each reading his/her favorite story from the book. Susie Hague was first, reading about the map showing the location of the Peninsula one-room schools. Next was Sloan Kelly, reading about the first telephone system. Then Henry Galvador read about the radio shows, followed by Margaux Lane reading about the Shrine Circus held on the Peninsula. Tim Carroll elaborated on the Shrine Circus, which was in 1939 with more than 900 children attending. The front page of the Record-Eagle was displayed, showing the amazing attendance at the circus. Ken Lardie then appeared, talking about the family store in Bowers Harbor, and the subsequent store established in Mapleton. Eventually the Bowers Harbor store was sold, and today is the Boat House Restaurant. The next portion of the video related the history of retail stores in downtown Traverse City. Then the daily ritual of milking cows and delivering cream to Traverse City was explained. Barn Raising was explained by Tim Carroll. Tim described the entry door to the Local History Room at the library. The door was originally the front door to his grandparents' house, and has a beautiful large etched glass window. The door is quite wide, since the entry had to be large enough to allow a coffin to enter the house. In those days, funerals were held at home, in the front room of the house. The video then ended, and questions were entertained.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Ken Weaver, Secretary Pro Tem

