

Old Mission Peninsula Historical Society Minutes
November 3, 2022
Meeting Held at Peninsula Community Library

Attendance: 40 members and guests

Meeting called to order by President Sobkowski at 6:10 p.m. She expressed delight at the large crowd and asked audience members how they heard of the meeting. The answers were varied: IPR, Traverse Ticker, the Record Eagle, the Old Mission Gazette, and Facebook.

1. October 6 minutes were approved.
2. Treasurer Dean Francis presented his report as of October 26. We have \$20,193.18 in our account. \$6442.88 is in Restricted funds for Hessler Log Cabin, Memorial Tree Fund, the Heritage Fund and the Mission replica church cabin. We have \$13,750.30 available.
3. Vice- President Tom Dalluge sent a summary of Committee Reports as follows:

Trees: Jim Hall reported no activity.

Archives and Historian: Ann Swaney reported no activity.

Dougherty House: There has been much activity with a Grand Rapids bus tour for 44 on October 13, completion of most aspects of the Cole Pavilion prior to onset of winter. Volunteer Recognition Day was on November 2, planning for the 2023 season with a special exhibit on the Inns of Old Mission, and work with NMC on an intern program.

Replica Log Church Karen Rieser reported that the content for the displays there has been chosen. The log church committee is meeting with the designer from Image 360 this week for an on-site survey. All the information for the placards and suggested art has been turned over to Image 360. Our estimate came in a bit over budget and Karen has secured monies from the township if needed. Mary Morgan has custody of the items from the old Women's Club display at that location? **Does anyone know who the artist was for those?**

Programs: Judy and Ann have programs lined up for most of the year.

Holiday Party Potluck: We still need a dinner chair. The American Legion Hall has been reserved and we have a pianist and a song leader.

Hessler Log Cabin: This is probably the biggest ask of the month. Phyllis and Brent Cooley as well as Laura will be closing the log cabin on Saturday November 5. ANY ASSISTANCE THAT MEMBERS CAN LEND WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

Log Cabin Day: No one has yet stepped up to assume the chair of this event. Reminder that Laura Johnson has time and is willing to mentor a replacement NOW during the winter. Please volunteer.

Nikki asked the committee chairs for ideas on uses for a NMC summer intern. Chairs have offered a couple of ideas: Ann Swaney has suggested a deep research project into OM history with a program on it at the conclusion. Jim Hall has suggested a GPS linked map of all memorial tree locations that could be maintained and provided to donors with a variety of other uses as well. Nikki has mentioned digitizing paper records, building a map of member addresses and tying that to real estate closings, to develop a new prospects membership list .as well as cold calling dormant former members, and website refreshing and updating.

The internship idea is at best a 33/67 likelihood at this point but is being pursued to create options going forward.

Christmas Ornament Sales. We will again be selling them at Mapleton Market and probably at Tinker Studio. Our inventory has been replenished.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Weaver