

OMPHS MINUTES APRIL 4, 2024

We met at the library's Community Room. Thirty members and guests were with us. OMPHS Member AND President of the Peter Dougherty Society, presented our excellent program, "Peter Dougherty, a Man of His Time: A Deeper Look."

Many of us know lots of the Dougherty history, but Chris presented more of it, including some original research with Princeton University, whence he procured copies of Dougherty's admission application. He presented many details of the Dougherty family and gave historical context for the mission establishments here and in Omena. He also presented some Dougherty quotations about his philosophy in saving heathens, and presented a photo of Dougherty later in his life when he'd left this area and gone on to preach in Somers, Wisconsin.

Our business meeting began at 7:25 p.m. with Co-President Tom Dalluge presiding. Tom noted that Longfellow's poem, "The Song of Hiawatha," was partially inspired by a visit to Sault Ste. Marie and meeting Henry Schoolcraft's Indian wife, Lucy Schoolcraft. He announced that Brent Cooley, spouse of this year's Log Cabin Day Chair, Phyllis Cooley, suffered a stroke in March. Brent is now doing well and Phyllis expects to continue as LCD Chair.

The minutes were approved by a motion from Barb Hansen and a second by Connie Sargent. In absentia we received a financial report from Treasurer Dean Francis, hereby attached.

Marty Klein and Tom Daluge requested we authorize funds for spraying Replica Log Church and the Hessler Log Cabin for moss and insects. This is something which needs to be done every 3 or 4 years. That amount will be about \$1530.00

Judy and Ken Weaver have been in touch with the leader of Boy Scout Troop 34, by telephone and letter, but have not yet received the formal answer of where the funds we appropriated in March will go. We are hoping to make the presentation in May at a Court of Honor, with Jim Hall doing the honors, as he has worked with these young men planting Memorial Trees here for many years.

Brit Eaton of the Old Mission Lighthouse Keepers organization is in the process of installing an 180 degree telescopic viewer overlooking the bay at Lighthouse Park. Last spring we approved in principle the idea that we would pay for half of the historical signage to be displayed by the viewer. Our share of the cost will be about \$700-800. The Dougherty volunteer construction crew has offered to build that, and that might bring the costs down. Parenthetically, Tom Dalluge is researching a grant the Peninsula Parks Board has received for signage on the peninsula, wondering if this might be included in that grant. Tom, Brit and Karen Rieser are working on the wording for the sign. Ken Weaver moved that we commit to necessary funding and Karen Rieser seconded that. The motion was approved.

Log Cabin Day was discussed including the location for the musicians. Phyllis Cooley asked for volunteers for setting up the sign at Peninsula Fire Station 2. Marty Klein and Rudy Rudolph will take care of that. Fire Chief Gilstorff has volunteered to bring a Fire Truck to the Log Cabin Day festivities. We will take that offer under advisement until consulting with Phyllis.

Tom announced the streaming programs available to our members of the History Hounds of the Michigan Historical Society.

The chestnuts seedlings were planted March 8 and are now sprouting.

At 7:49 p.m. Dean Johnson moved and Ann Swaney seconded that we adjourn and the motion passed.