

Old Mission Peninsula Historical Society

Committee Reports & Significant Dates

Thursday, September 5, 2019

**Executive Board/Committee** -- John Scarbrough

Board met July 9 and August 15. Responded with letters and in public comment to mid-July by-notice that new Parks Committee was considering hiring an “Historical Properties Manager”.

Discussed possible by-laws changes, new meeting place and time changes.

Set priorities for 2019—20:

- Increase membership. Elevate recognition of OMPHS in the Community.
- Develop a working budget showing expenses and revenue. Include project needs from committees.
- Expend funds received from MPLHF on light house project.
- Clarify the roles and relationship between OMPHS and the new Parks Committee and the Township Board.
  - Create a written memo of understanding
  - Submit a yearly report of OMPHS activities to Supervisor and Clerk

President John Scarbrough – continues to appoint chairs and co-chairs of committees

Vice President Amy Lyman – requests chairs email (alyman999@gmail.com) brief written committee reports one week prior to meetings to prepare “Pink Pages” for distribution.

Secretaries Chris and Karen Rieser – continuing to record and distribute minutes of Executive Board and General OMPHS meetings

Treasurer Ellen Kerr leads working group developing budget

**Dougherty Mission House** – Bill Cole

Joyous grand opening on June 15 with over 100 in attendance. To date almost 600 visitors. Contact Connie Sargent (269-760-3019) if you know anyone who'd like to be a docent. House is open 11am-5pm Th, Fr, Sat and 1pm to 5pm Sun.

Crew has cleared brush from trail (thanks to Tim Quinn and his grandchildren.) Natural gas is coming and propane tank has been removed in preparation.

**Membership Committee** – Anne Griffiths

At the request of the Executive Committee, Chris Rieser has been working on re-formatting and consolidating our membership records.

Growing membership is a top priority for 2019—20.

**Lighthouse ad hoc Committee** – Chris Rieser and Laura Johnson

Investigating: relationship with new Parks Committee, historically appropriate shutters, Manager Ginger Schultz requests.

MPLHF dissolution expected to be complete by end October.

**Log Church Committee**- Amy Lyman (current Contact)

No summer meetings were held. Need to determine if Parks Committee wants our input and volunteer effort, and \$3,000 funds for the purpose of updating displays and lighting.

Several of us attended worship service at Omena Presbyterian Church, toured cemetery, and museum. Ideas shared for future use.

**Hessler Log Cabin Committee**- Phyllis Cooley Need co-chair

**Archives and Newsletter Committee**- Ann Swaney

**Memorial Committee**-Ellen Kerr

Replacing old brass memorial plaque on Johnson bench at Hessler Log Cabin with new black plaque with white letters (will wear longer) to include Walter and Carolyn Johnson Lewis. Request Dougherty crew assemble another bench for seating near Log Cabin and ordering plaque to honor Wally and Hedy Quick.

Sign ordered for Dougherty flower, herb and veg gardens to honor Nancy Warne active member of both OMPHS and Peter Dougherty Society.

**Website Committee (+Facebook)**- Barb Berthelson

Barb continues to update. Please send photos of committee activities. Investigating whether some articles published in old OMPHS Newsletters can be re-published on website.

**Program Committee**- Judy Weaver & Ann Swaney

Five programs are confirmed so far. Titles to be announced. October meeting for paid current members only at request of presenter. (no public announcement to be made)

**Log Cabin Day Committee**- Amy Lyman

No report

**Hospitality Committee**- (new Chair needed. Contact Ellen Kerr)

This is a fun, low stress job and a great way to meet fellow members and visitors. Keep the cookie calendar and call baker of the month to remind a week or 10 days prior to meetings. Brew and bring a carafe of coffee. If possible, keep paper goods at your home. Help organize and with other volunteers, conduct December Holiday party and June Pot-Luck.

**Tree Planting Committee**-Jim Hall and new co-chair Laura Johnson

Continuing to dedicate memorial trees. Seven new memorial trees requested since start of 2019 @ \$75 each.

**Significant Dates:**

**October 4** Next meeting. Speaker requests only paid members. 6:30 Township Hall.

**October 19** Hessler Log Cabin Closing. Many hands make light work! 9am bring cleaning rags, brooms, rakes, gloves.