

PENTWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Board Meeting Minutes – May 3, 2017

The meeting was called to order by board president, Dick Warner at 1:00 p.m. in the lower level of the museum.

Board Member Present: Dick Warner, Roger MacLeod, Mike Castor, Joan Gehringer, Ed Bigelow, Jim Lambrix, Mark Shotwell, Sally Ouweneel, Debbie Deward and Bill O'Donnell

Board Member Absent: Bob Childers

Approval of Agenda: Roger MacLeod requested that the agenda be changed so that Norm Booth could give his presentation first.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ed Bigelow and seconded by Debbie Deward. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 5, 2017 was made by Mike Castor and seconded by Bill O'Donnell. The minutes were unanimously approved.

ON GOING ACTIVITIES STATUS REPORTS

Ted Resser Family Memorial Donation Planning: Norm Booth presented drawings for the proposed memorial garden as well as a possible north lot concept with addition. Dick Warner was asked to investigate the house that is for sale north of the museum lot. It could possibly change the plans of building an addition as opposed to using this property instead. It is a 6 bedroom, 2 baths home and is 2100 square feet, with a lot size of 10,128 feet. The asking price is \$191,000. The question was raised if buying that property should be pursued instead of a new addition to the museum.

Mark Shotwell questioned whether we have the traffic to afford buying the property.

Jim Lambrix thought that maybe the memorial garden should not be named a memorial garden but possibly something more generic instead.

A motion was made by Mike Castor to let Roger MacLeod proceed to see if Resser's want to donate towards the corner of the memorial garden that has the flagpole with possibly a bench to start with, which would be on the northeast corner of the museum lot. It was seconded by Ed Bigelow and was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: A copy of the 2017 operating budget and the 2017 financial highlights of April were emailed to all board members prior to the meeting by Mike Castor. There were no questions regarding the budget.

A motion was made by Roger Macleod and seconded by Mark Shotwell to approve the Treasurer's report. The report was unanimously approved.

Membership Report: Sally Ouweneel stated that we have 2 new members and now have 335 paid members overall. We still have 13 unpaid memberships.

Sally passed around a packet that is given out by the Pentwater Lake Association to their new members. She wondered if we could do something similar to give out to new people in the area. Mike Castor pointed out that we shouldn't limit it to just new people buying in the area.

Museum Activities: Dick Warner told the board that the museum will be open for Founder's Day on May 6th from 1 to 4. The displays will not be complete. The "Lost and Found" display has been put up by Ed Bigelow. The donor board is still being worked on.

Jim Lambrix will be hosting the table on the Village Green for Founder's Day.

Special Events: Debbie Deward reported that the arrow signs for the PHS will be placed in town on Founder's Day by Ron Beeber. Ron and Amy LaBarge will be hosting the museum in period clothing. Ron will then take the signs down at 4 p.m. The pots for Founder's Day will be picked up from Debbie's house and placed in front of the appropriate stores.

Spring Dinner – Tickets have been printed and will be passed out at meeting today. Debbie asked Ed Bigelow to please send out a notice on Sunday, May 21st to ask for help setting up on Tuesday, May 23rd at 9 a.m. for the dinner.

4th anniversary – A cake is being donated by Hansen's. We will set up one or two tents on Friday morning.

Pancake Breakfast – Tickets have been printed and Debbie will pass them out next week.

Summer Dinner – Debbie has procured speaker Craig Rich. His presentation is called "Almost Home: The Phoenix Disaster of 1847".

His fee is \$125 plus mileage (.54 x 77 miles = \$41.58 x 2 = \$83.16). Total cost is \$208.16.

Newsletters and Walking Tour Booklet: Bill O'Donnell said that the tour books are here and the press release is ready to go.

INITIATIVES

2017 Sesquicentennial Planning & Information Booth: It was decided to table any discussion on the information booth until our November meeting.

Debbie Deward reported that the float building is proceeding. She got a call from Ann and Roger Hill volunteering to help with the float building. Dick Warner said that we still need to find some volunteers to push the fire hose in the parade.

Garage Sale: Debbie Deward said that the flyers are out but she has not received any calls or donations yet. There will be a signup sheet at the spring dinner.

PHS Building – Waterproofing: Ed Bigelow recommends waterproofing the brick on the building in the fall. He will get an estimate from Ruggles to possibly do the job.

PHS Table on Village Green: Ed Bigelow will email all board members the dates that volunteers are needed to sit at the PHS table on the Village Green this summer.

Spring Clean Up Day: Ed Bigelow reminded all board members that the date for cleaning the museum is May 12th from 8 to noon. Bring cleaning tools and materials for cleaning. The high school kids are going to be there at 8:30.

PHS – Continue Written History: Ed Bigelow said that he has not heard from anyone that wants to take the project on yet. Ed said that he was given the history of the yacht club on a flash drive from Dick Toner. Ed will give it to Mark Shotwell.

Jim Lambrix thought that we should consider getting security camera in the future.

Jim also went on to say that there was no charge for the display boxes made by the Artisan Center. Gene Davidson would like an acknowledgement for the donation, though. Mike Castor said that he has a form letter to use for Jim to give Gene to use for a write-off.

Murray Gingrich was at the board meeting and he wants to volunteer to assist us in fund raising. He said that there are many grants out there to be had. He then asked questions of the board to get information for future ideas.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joan Gehringer and seconded by Ed Bigelow. It was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Gehringer - Secretary