

Pentwater Historical Society
Executive Board Meeting
85 S Rutledge St.

Date Oct 26,2022

Call to Order; 11:30 AM by Dick Warner

Board Members Present:

Dick Warner
Beth Russell
Dan Hoekstra
Jim Lambrix
Dan Girvan

Karen Way
Norm Shotwell
Bart Zachrich
Mike Waidelich

Secretary Position:

Motion to accept resignation of Bill Gigowski: Made, second, accepted unam

Motion to appoint Dan Girvan: Made, second, accepted unam

Past meeting Minutes:

Motion to accept minutes of 10/12/22: Made, second, accepted unam

Reports :

Financial:

Mike Waidelich stated the there were no changes since the early October report

Mike will be out of town for the winter and Bart will be his representative. Mike will continue to provide financial accounting and report services.

Mike asked for approval to attend an online class for using Quickbooks for non profit organizations. Tuition not to exceed \$300. Motion made, seconded, approved unam

President: Dick Warner

Visitor count is down.

Beth will revise and send new letter to members.

Marketing: Jim Lambrix

Need to advertise with tour groups
Will try to get more publicity using the chamber of commerce

Director: Dan Hoekstra

The stump has been removed. Dan will put up a framed photo of the contractor and his son and there will be no charge for the contractor services.

Chris Brown has offered to pave the parking spaces on Rutledge St. while he is repaving the Rutledge/ First St. intersection. The Group was appreciative but all agreed that the impending construction activity did not align with Chris' s schedule

The First St. sidewalk will be removed for the installation of a new sewer connection with the city system and the sidewalk will be replaced before winter. The sewer connection fee will be free.

The trailer is empty and all items have been moved to offsite storage. The trailer is now available to hold donated items which will also be transferred to offsite storage as needed.

Dan Hoekstra will obtain a list of new Pentwater residents from the village clerk so that introduction letters can be sent to them.

The trailer needs four new tires.

Work on windows has been started.

Trustee: Karen Way

Old videos have been taken to STS for transfer to disc.

No new videos have been produced since 2005. We should make plans to record new videos as special events occur.

Building Committee: Norm Shotwell

The sewer connection for the proposed building will be lower than the entrance to the city sewer. This will require the addition of a lift station to the new building plan.

Any connection between the existing and new building will need to comply with ADA requirements.

The plaster inside of the Arch will probably need to be completely removed if any portion of the domed wall is altered.

Probably need to remove the stage deck all the way to the back wall to facilitate the connection with a new building

Special Presentation: Steve Bass

Steve presented a revised concept for the new addition. The plan would reduce the administrative space and add to the display space as well as increasing the total new space. It would connect across the entire width of the back of the existing building through what is now the archway and proceed north to near the lot line. It would be two stories with display areas on both levels and limited administrative areas. It would also include an outside public space which would visually be connected to the new building through a glass wall. The displays would be reworked with specific areas dedicated to single themes. Approximately 4,000 sf would be added to the museum display space.

Following Discussion:

Dick mentioned that we would need a new cost estimate for the new proposal and Norm committed to have an estimate by the next meeting.

Additional Business:

Beth Russell:

She reported that \$390,000 has been pledged, of which, \$200,000 is in the bank.

A discussion was held and it was decided to keep the annual membership fee at \$50.00. Any annual membership payment after Oct 1 would be fully applied to the membership for the next year. All memberships will be from 1, Jan to 31, Dec.

Any contribution of \$20,000 or more would include a "lifetime" membership.

Norm noted that he could have a new presentation that included some of Steve's recommendations in six weeks and potentially start a new design next summer.

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded, passed unam at 1:45 pm.

