

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER LANSING  
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
Monday January 9th, 2017  
Creys Building

President Bill Castenier called the meeting to order at 6:35PM.

**Present:** Valerie Marvin, Bill Castanier, Zig Olds, Bob Rose, Anne Wilson, Mary Qwas, Tim Kaltenbach, Jacob McCormick and Ron Emery.

Absent: Joan Bauer, Jesse Lasorda and Harry Emmons,

Guest: Bob Mainfort

**1. Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the previous meeting of November 15th were reviewed. On Ron's motion seconded by Anne they were unanimously approved.

**2. Treasurer's Report:**

Tim presented a written copy of the Treasurer's report. As of January 9<sup>th</sup>, the General Fund balance was \$4,016.53. (Copy attached) The Museum Fund balance was \$75,474.04. the Treasurer's report. Tim discussed moving money from Checking into a savings account or CD but determined that this was not practical. On Val's motion to place the report on file, seconded by Mary. Approved 9-0.

**3. R E Olds Museum building:**

Bill reported that HSGL had been contacted and asked if we wanted to rent space at an RE Olds offsite location. For \$100 per month we can get a bay at the their site on Alden Drive south of Mt. Hope and east of Pennsylvania avenue. Larger bays can be rented for a higher amount. The \$100 per month bay is on the first floor that would allow easier access to larger items. Added costs will be incurred for finishing the space and a door lock.

**4. Walking Tours for 2017:**

Six were done in 2016. Consensus was to do a similar number as long as they did not interfere with other programs. Those currently being considered are as follows:

- a) East Lansing Mack Festival with auto show
- b) Downtown Lansing buildings financed by Lansing auto barons i.e. Central United, 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist, to celebrate and acknowledge their contributions to various orgs and churches.
- c) Michigan Historical Museum it will have new exhibits by this summer
- d) Moore's River Drive (east side of MLK) near St Casmir and the BWL Eckert plant
- e) Westside Tour including homes of various early auto barons. Bob suggested that we partner with the Westside neighborhood Association for this.
- f) Stephen Henry MSU tour topic as yet undetermined. Mary suggested it be a campus "tree tour." Bill noted that sometime this year MSU will feature a WWI poster display on campus.
- g) Colonial Village Neighborhood
- h) Sharey Zedek neighborhood built in East Lansing for Jewish residents who could not buy in East Lansing

- i) Cemeteries including Chapel Hill, Hurd (Clark and DeWitt roads), Mt. Hope or Evergreen (WWI focus). Would consider putting this off until fall to coincide with MSU's WWI poster display.

## **5. Fundraisers**

- a) Val reported on the status of the Moore's River Drive home tour fundraiser to be held on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Joan attended a meeting and sent along a written report of that meeting. (See attached) The group considered 5 homes as the right number of homes. They would like to include the Governor's Mansion and are still working on this. Possible ticket price of \$20 per person was discussed, along with sponsoring a Sunday brunch at the Country Club of Lansing. When Greater Lansing Housing Coalition had a similar event in 2006, they made more money on the brunch than on the tour. In either case we will need a lot of volunteers and may need transportation such as buses or golf carts for the handicapped and elderly. Anne will contact CATA and Dean Transportation about their provision of buses for that purpose.
- b) Discussed possibility of a second fundraiser in May or June at the City Market focusing on Elvis Presley and Johnny Cash with an impersonator.
- c) Upcoming programs: (See attached list) Jacob's program on Lansing photographers, House of David, Collectors Showcase (in sponsor ship with Delta Township, Frank Murphy (Val reported on some of the highlights of his career), MSP Centennial and possible program on the Back Legion, reprise of Bill's and Bob Pierson's Sixties program, the Detroit Riot.

## **6. 1937 Lansing General Strike**

There was an extended discussion or the commemoration of the general strike in 1937. This would be the big program for the year. It will run from May through the fall and will be on display at City Hall. Subtopics would include the labor movement, cultural aspects, aviation, books, magazines, and comics, magazines and architecture. Bill encouraged all to seek out artifacts and information for the 1937 exhibition. We would seek city permission to close down Michigan and Washington Avenues like was done in 1937. Bill also suggested a program by Professor Lisa Fine of MSU on the migration and immigration into Michigan. Bill reported that Bob Trecise suggested that the HSGL apply for a grant to do a program on Malcolm X.

## **7. Adjournment:**

On motion by Ron, seconded by Tim the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM

**Next meeting: March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.**

Ron Emery  
Secretary  
January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017