

Historical Society of Greater Lansing

Board Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2019

Impression 5 Museum, Lansing

Present: Bill Castanier, Joan Bauer, Jacob McCormick, Helen Mickens, Bob Rose, Cathy Babcock, Zig Olds, Valerie Marvin

Impression 5

President Bill Castanier called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. We were welcomed to Impression 5 by Erik Larson, their Executive Director. Erik spoke to the board about his hopes for I5's approaching 50th anniversary in 2022. The institution was founded in 1972 largely through the effort of the Lansing Junior League and Marilyn Eichenger. He would like the Society to work with them to create some sort of historical timeline/exhibit/oral history project that tells the story of I5's commitment to the Lansing community.

Reports (or Lack Thereof)

There were no minutes or Treasurer's report to review. Bill did pass out the audit report/account review to the board members and asked them to share their comments with him after reading it.

Bob Rose noted that he will look into the possibility of having the next board meeting at the BWL building in REO Town.

Donations

Bill highlighted some significant recent donations, including images from the Marble Neighborhood in East Lansing courtesy of the Herrmann family, and photo scans from the City Transportation Department.

Bill also noted that the family of Clara Heldemeyer, a Lansing salon photographer, has loaned us 50 photographs that we can scan and potentially use for a future exhibit.

Upcoming Events

Upcoming events include the September 30 Pave the Way Partnership Event with the REO Museum, and the October 5 Jim Harrison exhibit opening at the Library of Michigan.

Board members who attended the recent discussion with Potter Park about their upcoming anniversary/centennial talked about ways we could work together. A walking tour of the zoo – potentially ticketed – was suggested.

Websites

Bill reported that the structure of both the new HSGL and the Pave the Way websites are built and ready for content.

Pave the Way Project

Bill noted that MDOT approached the Archives of Michigan about scanning some materials for the Pave the Way project. The project continues to move forward, though it has gotten much bigger and more complicated than anticipated. MSU FCU has expressed interest in funding an exhibit opening gala in April. There is interest in additional related spin off projects.

Oral Histories

Bill noted that the Library of Michigan and the Archives of Michigan have audio recording rooms up and running. He suggested that we send people their way for oral histories.

Valerie Marvin

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VP and temporary recording secretary

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