

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER LANSING
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Thursday, November 18, 2021
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Lansing, MI 48933

President Bill Castanier called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

Present: Valerie Marvin, Bill Castanier, Anne Wilson, Zig Olds, Tim Kaltenbach, Bob Rose, Jacob McCormick, Joan Bauer, Cathy Babcock, Helen Mickens, and Ron Emery.

Absent: None

Guest: none

Minutes:

None were taken from the August meeting, as Ron was absent. Bill will review his notes and provide a list of topics discussed in lieu of minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

None. The main purpose of this meeting was to discuss the election of officers and trustees given the delay caused by Covid 19.

Election of Officers and Trustees

The first point of order is to develop a slate of candidates for officers and trustees for the annual meeting to be held on December 9, at 6:30 PM at the Robin Theater in REO Town in advance of our program with architect Dale Carlson discussing Corrado Paducci. The consensus was that we go forward with the election and have members attend in person (masks recommended) or virtually. Ron and Bill will review records to determine who is up for reelection as trustees for 2 years versus 1 year given the delay caused by Covid 19. Since Valerie will be leaving the board she will nominate the candidates included in the slate of candidates developed. Mary Kwas has already retired from the board and will not run again. All current officers except for Valerie will run again. On motion by Bob Rose that we go forward with the election, seconded by Joan Bauer, the motion carried 11 yeas, 0 Nays

Pave the Way

The Pave the Way exhibits currently on display in the Knapp's Building windows need to come down. Bill and those available to help will be needed Monday November 22.

The following topics were also discussed:

- 1) Making the Pave the Way video available for showing at both the East Lansing and Ann Arbor film festivals later next year.
- 2) Making the 100 oral histories available on YouTube
- 3) Bill has requested the City to reimburse us an additional \$3200 for the window exhibits.

Status of the Library of Michigan and LCC Bill's understanding is that the Library of Michigan will reopen again starting in January barring further Covid developments that would prohibit that.

Bill also disclosed that serious discussions have been had with LCC about entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that would allow us to have a permanent presence on the LCC Campus. As planned right now, we would have access to a 30' by 14' space in one of LCC's buildings. To do so would require us to raise money sufficient to allow us to make the move. Bill estimated that might be as much as \$250,000. LCC President Steve Robinson has been encouraging this project as well as encouraging us to "interact "with LCC students in our projects.

Whether we wanted to accept LCC's invitation was discussed at length. The following issues were considered:

- 1) Would we need to hire a part time director or can we rely on volunteers?
- 2) Are we ready for this kind of commitment moneywise and time wise?
- 3) Should we seek the services of a professional fundraiser to fund the project?
- 4) How long should we commit to the MUO, i.e. 3 years, 4 years, or 5 years?
- 5) Although we would be able to establish semi permanents exhibits with a permanent space, do we do better with traveling ones that we know we will be changing periodically?

The consensus was that at this point we do not need a motion to go forward with our discussions with LCC. We would not need to do that unless and until we have an actual MUO proposal from LCC. Zig Olds offered to contact the Kalamazoo Valley Community College for information on their agreement with toe local historical society they have partnered with on their campus. Bob Rose suggested that we get more involved with Lansing's DLI (Downtown Lansing, Inc) in an effort to try to participate in their funding stream.

Future Program Ideas

Begin to plan a reprise of the MSU Marching Band program from a couple of years ago.

Contact Pat Gillespie Group to see if they would be interested in an exhibit in their new coffee site.

Adjournment and next meeting

On motion by Helen, seconded by Zig, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 23rd at 7 pm.

Ron Emery

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Secretary

November 20, 2021

Approved at July 23, 2022 Meeting