

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER LANSING
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, December 6, 2022
Harry's Place
404 N. Verlinden Avenue
Lansing, MI 48915

President Bill Castanier called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

Present: Bill Castanier, Tim Kaltenbach, Bob Rose, Jacob McCormick, Joan Bauer, Cathy Babcock, Zig Olds, and Ron Emery.

Excused Absent: Anne Wilson, and Helen Mickens (the zoom hook-up was not workable from our location)

Guest: none

1. Secretary's Report: Minutes:

Ron had sent out a copy of the minutes from the July 13, 2022 meeting electronically for members to review. Three amendments were offered. On motion by Cathy, seconded by Joan, the minutes were approved as amended by an 8-0 vote.

2. Treasurer's Report:

Tim reported the following:

The general fund from 9/15/22 through 12/6/22 showed the following:

Beginning balance \$2,690.86

Revenues	\$340.00
Dues	\$130.00
Donations	80.00
Book sales	130.00

Expenses \$613.00

Rent	\$600.00
Bank fees	13.00

Ending Balance \$2,417.86

The museum fund for the same period showed the following:

Beginning balance	\$84,495.68
Less bank fees	20.85
Ending balance	<u>84,474.83</u>

General	\$ 2,417.86
Museum	<u>84,474.83</u>
Grand Total	\$86,892.69

On motion by Bob, seconded by Cathy, on a vote of 8-0, Tim’s treasurer’s report was accepted and placed on file.

In order to increase dues payments, Bill asked each member to send out a form letter to 10 persons to solicit their membership. A form letter like that used by the Michigan Historical Society would be used.

3. Pave the Way Update

Bill reported that a draft of the project documentary is completed. Bill will send out a link to members of this board so that we can see the draft. This will also give us access to the transcripts of the actual oral histories The City still has not reimbursed us for the \$5,000 the HSGL invested in the project, but Brett Kosinski, of the City has acknowledged that outstanding debt. The final item needed to finish the project is a written summary or description of the project and its results.

4. Update on the Rodgers-Carrier House Project

Bill reported that LCC will put \$600,000 into refurbish the exterior of the building at no cost to the HSGL. That part should be done by next fall. We will then need to come up with money to finish the interior to make it useable for our organization. Bill anticipates that this may require an additional \$5,000 along with our museum fund balance to fund this part of the project. Accordingly, we need to begin fundraising for that purpose. Bill believes that Steve Richardson, LCC President would be a good advocate in that effort.

Bill will appoint a site committee to plan the interior and another committee to plan the fundraising. The site committee will determine the detailed plans for the first-floor interior of the building. The upstairs and basement will not be available for our use. Fundraising ideas will be the responsibility of the other committee.

5. Programs for the next year

- a. **Panoramic photos project.** Bill reported that work has started on gathering panoramic photographs of local relevance. These are photos that are at least twice as wide as they are tall. Potential subjects were discussed and how to make them relevant not just to the mid-Michigan area, but to tie them into identifiable persons from the area. The Library of Michigan has given us a \$1000 grant for this project. Bill displayed a couple of examples of these type photos. The project will be housed at the Library of Michigan.
- b. **Classic Baseball the Lansing Capitols**
- c. **Business Anniversaries.** This year Kewpie’s in Lansing and Beggars Banquet in East Lansing will celebrate anniversaries. Kewpie’s will celebrate its 100th.

6. Election of Officers

Bill reminded that we need to schedule an election of officers and new board members. These would take place at the annual meeting that we would plan for the spring. Again, he encouraged each of us to contact potential recruits for this board, hopefully, younger ones. Bob had already contacted two potential new members. Several members suggested recruiting Ken Turner and Adolph Burton as new members, given their work on the "Pave the Way" project.

7. Newsletter

Bill asked for opinions on reinstating a monthly newsletter. The consensus was that this would be a good idea to help encourage new dues paying members to join and old dues paying members to continue their membership. To decrease expenses of the newsletter it could be distributed by e-mail, thus eliminating mailing and postage expense. Older members (life members) would still be sent a hard copy of the newsletter. Since there are only a few life members it would not be too costly. We would model our newsletter on the Michigan Historical Society's newsletter. Brief articles about local persons and events would be included in the newsletter.

8. Facebook traffic and Web Page

Zig reported that in the recent past our FB page has averaged about 100 new members each week. He and Anne continue to monitor posts as administrators of the page. The board members also recognized and congratulated Jacob for his fine job in getting the web page up and running.

9. Adjournment and next meeting

On motion by Ron, seconded by Bob, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm. Bill will set the next meeting.

Ron Emery

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Secretary
December 9, 2022

Approved at the _____ Meeting