

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 26th, 2019

President Bly called a regular meeting of the trustees to order at 5:35 at the Museum

Trustees Present: Bly, Thomas, Ballard, Hegg, Wenzel, Schram, and Olander: **Trustees absent:** Wood, Hecock

Others Present: Becky Mitchell (Executive Director), Ben Grimsley (Becker County Commissioner), and Virginia Weston (Heart O'Lakes Genealogical Society liaison)

1. **The Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda, comprised of today's agenda, the January Executive Directors Report, December Board Minutes, was adopted and approved (Motion by Ballard, second by Thomas, passed without dissent)
2. **Old Business:** Budget; Bly reported that the budget now fits on one page, per the request of Hecock. Budget is now close to a \$0 amount, or close to showing a profit to investors. Some titles were changed for coding purposes, and doubled the amount of summer camp offerings

ED Mitchell stated there is now one account for New Contracted Support (which includes monies from Ice Harvest Commission, documentary from Lake Detroiters and County for History Book, Lake Detroiters, etc) ED also stated the categories are now more streamlined for reporting to LeAnn

ED Mitchell stated that there is also \$9500 of the amount listed in 5030 is for the documentary from Lake Detroiters which will be debuted at the June 22nd event at The Pavilions. She stated this is a money in, money out type of scenario, with most of the contracted money going to Leighton Broadcasting.

Bly enthusiastic that the 2019 budget shows profit

The Old Business was approved by a motion from Schram, second by Bev, passed without dissent

3. New Business:

- (a) ED Mitchel reported on the Building Campaign Committee meeting with Scott Walz and Scott Busker. Walz spoke with Jon Pratt (city engineer) to see if he would serve on the committee. He most recently is serving on the Boys and Girls Club Project. President Bly to serve on the committee with her background with MMCDC and Tera Guetter possibly as well. Guetter has experience with a "Green Roof Project" and could potentially open doors for granting dollars having a green roof on the new Museum, and omitting or reducing underground wells. There is also the advantage of having a large "Science experiment" on the roof. This will likely only be pursued if funding is available.

A meeting also was held with Kelsey Klemm, Mayor Brenk, Vernell Roberts and Gary Nansen regarding the City Ask for funds for the new facility. Mayor Brenk wanted to know what the ask was in 2015 (\$500,000) Mayor to talk to Kelcey, ED to attend a city planning meeting and hopefully have an answer in April. Detroit Lakes is the only city in Becker County that has yet to pledge. ED Mitchell felt good about the meeting.

ED Mitchell also has been in contact with Kent Eken regarding bonds available from the governor. Talks about possibly lobbying, and will keep us updated on that. ED Mitchell also stated she will bring the new County Administrator “up to speed” on project

(b) ED Mitchel and Finance Committee met to consolidate “ask” list for discrepancies. Original spreadsheet was not easy to follow. Two spreadsheets were merged to find errors. Still a work in progress, but getting better. ED Mitchel went through Deposit book from Bremer and all pledge sheets physically in hand from the last campaign.

(c) Exhibits coming

*Smithsonian Exhibit was closed due to government shutdown resulting in confusion and missed opportunity with the “100 Faces of War” exhibit.

*April 6th-June 23rd MN Historical Society Presents: Fur Trade Exhibit (seeking sponsorship)

*Oct 2019-Feb 2020 Electrifying Minnesota (Public Utilities to Sponsor)

*Spring 2020 1968 Pop Culture Exhibit (seeking sponsorship, public ask for artifacts)

*End of 2020 Women’s Suffrage Exhibit (seeking sponsorship)

*2021 150 years of the City of Detroit Lakes and Becker County

(d) Bed Rock Preservation Core to do Scope analysis on Cabin at Becker County Fairgrounds. The Scope is free of charge, moving forward the cost would be \$10,000 plus cost of materials

(e) Bad Weather Protocol: Hegg Motioned that it should be “Up to the discretion of the Director if museum closes” Second by Ballard and approved by all

(f) Summer Programming: Jen, Emily and ED Mitchell have updated summer programming as of 2/25. ED Mitchell is working on 2020/2021 and agreed that a three year big picture would be beneficial for everyone to be on the same page with a new facility in the works. Thomas asked about out outreach in the nursing homes, which consists of reminiscing with old photos, artifacts, music, etc. Ballard said he is going to Ogema to teach 1st graders the history of Ogema.

Hegg offered to do a short video on Robotics.

Emily to start updating the website, and Kevin Mitchell is currently managing the online store.