

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER LANSING  
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
Monday, July 23, 2018  
1922 Moores River Drive, Lansing, Mi

President Bill Castanier called the meeting to order at 7:48 PM.

**Present:** Valerie Marvin, Bill Castanier, Bob Rose, Mary Kwas, Joan Bauer, Zig Olds, Tim Kaltenbach, Helen Mickens, Cathy Babcock and Ron Emery.

**Absent:** Jacob McCormick and Anne Wilson,

**Guest:** None

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the previous board meeting (May 7) and the annual meeting (June 14) had been e-mailed to all for review in advance of the meeting. On motion by Joan, seconded by Mary, the minutes of both meetings were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Tim passed out a one page Treasurers report that showed the fund balances as follows as of this date: General Fund \$10,736.08; Museum Fund \$50,961.84. Further, the HSGL has a CD at Huntington Bank in the amount of \$50,000. Tim then explained the two funds to the two new board members (Helen and Cathy).

On motion by Joan, seconded by Helen the treasurers' report was unanimously accepted and placed on file.

**Audit Report:**

Bill and Tim reported that Layton & Richardson would be contacting them and other board members to discuss HSGL procedures so that the records can be auditable in the future. This will help set our organization up to be able to receive grant money where audits are required.

**Walking Tours:**

Tours and events currently scheduled are as follows and were discussed:

August 3, Foster Street School

July 28 South Capitol

August 9 Dinsmore and Russell Neighborhood

August 18 Holt Historical Society

August 25 Moores River Drive

September 13 History of MSU Marching Band (Jacob McCormick)

October 11 Craig Whitfield Stereo cards

**Moores River Drive Home Tour:**

The planning committee for this fundraiser met just in advance of this meeting. The Tour begins on September 16<sup>th</sup> with a brunch at the Lansing Country Club at 11 AM. The tour itself will be held from 1 pm to 5 pm and will include five houses (Wilson, Nash, Purchase, McClurken/Kvitko, and Smalley homes). Tickets for the brunch and tour are \$55; the brunch alone is \$35; the tour alone is \$20. House captains and volunteers are needed.

**I-496 Project:**

Bill reported that there is still no contract signed with the Federal government and City of Lansing and HSGl for the project. He hopes that it will be received in the next few weeks. With the newness of the mayor's administration, this detail has somewhat languished. When the \$39,000 grant is received it will be posted on the HSGl website. One of the goals is to collect audio and video interviews of those who can explain the project and its impact on Lansing's neighborhoods, particularly the African American neighborhoods in Lansing. Helen advised that she has contacts with the African American Historical Society that could provide names of potential people to be interviewed. The audio/video project will be carried out in conjunction with Michigan's Library and Archives.

**Historical Markers Downtown:**

Bob reported that the "wayfinding" signs are scheduled to be erected downtown. They are in the process of being assembled and should be installed this fall. The Wayfinders Committee is covering the \$25,000 cost.

**HSGl Vests:**

Zig sought authority to shop for and purchase some vests or shirts to be used by HSGl members during walking tours or other functions. On motion by Ron, seconded by Joan, the board unanimously authorized Zig to spend up to \$250 for these vests or shirts.

**Museum Site:**

Bill reported that he had met with representatives of the city and LEAP, along with Joe Marks of Herman Miller Corporation concerning the Lieberman's building on South Washington Avenue. Marks is interested in buying the building and would consider allowing the HSGl to use the first floor as a museum to display its exhibits.

**Adjournment:**

On motion by Bob, seconded by Ron, the board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM. Bill will schedule the next meeting after notice.

Ron Emery  
Secretary  
August 13, 2018