

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Tippecanoe County Historical Association, Tuesday, June 27th, 2017.

Governor's members present were: Pete Sherry, Shane Weist, Walt Griffin, Di Begley, Pete Bill, Kevin Cullen, Colby Bartlett, David Hovde, Carolyn O'Connell, Jeff Schwab. TCHA Director Craig Hadley, Battlefield Director Rick Conwell, and Feast Coordinator Leslie Conwell were also in attendance. Former TCHA Foundation Board Member Kelly Carr also attended.

I. The meeting, held at the Tippecanoe Battlefield, was called to order at 5:20 PM

II. Review of May 2017 Minutes. First by Hovde, Second by Schwab. Approved

III. Officers Report (Bill and C Bartlett)

- Hadley has received his self-evaluation and will complete it for the committee to review
- Conflict of interest statement presented to each Governor to sign and return to Bill
  - Required for the TCHA IRS status
  - Explains what would be considered a conflict
- Facebook Update
  - Return has been great for the 50/300 events
  - 25% increase in page views
  - Posting of events and event pages has greatly increased turnout

IV. Finance and Budget Report (Thieme)

- Thieme absent
- Hadley has had discussion with Graham about increasing insurance TCHA property in case of theft
- Good progress has been made on funding for the organization
- Feast income is ahead of normal, many early applications have been received for 2017

V. Executive Director Report (Hadley)

- Midwest Archeological Conference
  - Part of the 50/300 celebration
  - Trying to raise \$5,000 to help cover costs for the conference
    - Hadley recommends TCHA give \$1500 and sponsoring the Friday dinner
    - Discussion on where it could fit into the TCHA budget
    - Motion to approve funds from Begley, C Bartlett second. Approved
- Blockhouse Structure Report
  - Serious issues with the fireplace and roof
  - Hadley recommends a full survey of the building
  - Ross firm can conduct a survey for \$5,000
  - Discussion about have a "Save the Blockhouse" fund at the Feast
  - Discussions with the county parks taking place about sharing the costs
  - Ross calls in to discuss what a feasibility study would consist of on the building
  - Tables, Hadley will report in July on update of possible funding for the project

- Grant for Kitchen/ADA Upgrade in New Building
  - Currently have \$12,500, ½ of need for kitchen upgrade
  - Hadley is working with TAF on \$150,000 grant for the ADA work
  - Hadley meeting with City about possible redevelopment funds
  - Hadley is submitting a \$500,000 grant with Museums of America
- Fund Transfers to Lafayette Bank and Trust
  - This was part of the sponsorship agreement
  - All Regions accounts have been moved to LBT
- Exhibits in New Museum Space
  - Meetings have taken place with Taylor Studios to bring plans
  - Workshop will take place in July at Taylor Studios
  - Planning a time progression of local historical events on the wall space
- New Program/Membership Director
  - DJ Tucker will begin work on July 5<sup>th</sup>
- 2017 Membership Campaign
  - Hadley is currently finishing up a mailer
  - TCHA will have a membership appreciation tent at the Feast
  - Theme for campaign is “Your Story Matters”
  - Hadley is currently working on themed posters for the campaign
- Annual Appeal
  - Will include a donor brick campaign for the new museum, large bricks will cost \$1000, small bricks \$100-\$250

#### VI. By-Laws Review Task Force (Schwab)

- An updated copy of the by-laws is presented to the Governors for review
  - Schwab reviews the proposed major changes to each article in the by-laws
  - 2/3 majority vote needed to approve the updates
  - Motion to approve changes by Weist, Hovde second. Approved 11-0

#### VII. Committee Reports

- Collections (Kelly)
  - Two items up for deaccession, one Cambridge City and one Indianapolis
  - Motion to approve deaccession by Hovde, Schwab second. Approved
- 50/300<sup>th</sup> (Hovde)
  - Blockhouse opening in June for a presentation on the Woodland Indian Tribe
- Ouiatenon Preserve (C Bartlett)
  - Contract is ready for the Preserve entrance work, construction begins Aug 1<sup>st</sup>
  - 36 acres across from Preserve may be for sale, Bartlett is going to request funds to purchase from the Roy Whistler Foundation
- Building and Grounds (Griffin)
  - Discussed the committee’s recommendation for the job description of a maintenance employee
  - Griffin discussed the blockhouse issues with a roofer he knows

VIII. Battlefield Report (R Conwell)

- May income has risen for tours and programming
- Will report on quarterly income at the July meeting
- Currently working on two new Feast shirts, shirts presented to the board to examine

IX. Feast Report (L Conwell)

- Application for booths are coming in very quickly
- New TCHA kitchen might be a resource to Feast vendors

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted By TCHA Board Secretary Shane Weist 07/24/2017