

**Minutes for the Board of Governors Meeting held October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018  
TCHA History Center**

**ATTENDANCE:**

|                          |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Pete Bill - President    | Amy Harbor       |
| Kevin Cullen - Secretary | David Hovde      |
| John Thieme – Treasurer  | Erika Kvam       |
| Colby Bartlett           | Quentin Robinson |
| Del Bartlett             | Phil Tucker      |
| Diane Begley             | Todd White       |
| Walt Griffin             |                  |

Unable to attend

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|------------------------------|---------------|
| Jeff Schwab – Vice President | Preston Smith |
| Craig Graham                 | Shane Weist   |
| Benjamin Ross                |               |
| Pete Sherry                  |               |

Staff    Craig Hadley  
          Kristin Krzic (Program Director)  
          Megan Lee (History Center Events and Membership Director)  
          Kelly Lippie (Curator)  
          Leslie Martin Conwell (Feast coordinator)

Guest    Zula Kress

Call to order at 5:17

Minutes from September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. There was a correction to be made. The minutes for the Ouitatenon Preserve Inc stated that their Board had not met. Del Bartlett correct this by stating that the Board will be having its second meeting. Officers have been elected with Mike Reckowsky is president and Del is vice president. The minutes as amended were accepted.

**Officer's Reports**

**President**

The Board members discussed how many governors are needed for the upcoming year. There are presently 19. Four governors will not return for another three-year term: Shane Weist, Benjamin Ross, Pete Sherry and Kevin Cullen. Amy Harbor will likely leave during the year to move out of state. This would put the Board at 14 if no additional members are added to the Board. Six Governors who are at the end of their terms are up for consideration of renewal for another 3 year term: Del Bartlett, Diane Begley, Quentin Robinson, Jeff Schwab, Preston Smith, and Todd White. After discussion, a target range was set at 15-20 governors although we can go as high as 24 per the By Laws. Nominations for Governor can be received right up to the Annual Membership Meeting since by the By Laws nominations can be accepted from the floor. Board members were asked to contact the president if they knew of people who might be interested in serving.

**Vice President** – no report

## **Treasurer**

Budget numbers were available only through September. No accurate financial picture is possible without the income and expenses for the Feast. Overall, known budget figures are in line. Work is underway to make the monthly budget reports more understandable to the board, and to get them to board members three or four days before the Board of Governors' meetings. With the addition of the History Center and the programs there, discussions will be needed to avoid budget shortfalls. The financial goals of TCHA are to grow the revenue stream, grow endowments, and reduce financial dependence on the Feast. President Bill urged the board to read financial reports carefully and ask questions.

## **Finance and budget report – Finance, Budget, and Risk Management Committee – Jeff Schwab chair, John Thieme, Todd White**

- No further report (Jeff Schwab absent)

## **Membership and History Center Report – Megan Lee**

- Current membership stands at 430 with additional memberships logged in today (report states 404). The membership tent at the Feast brought in two new memberships and three membership renewals totaling \$130.
- History Center construction update: patio is complete; signs are up; lights are in; doors are in; historic brick path has been installed; glass on Columbia Street side has been painted. 10 pub tables need to be ordered. The History Center was featured on Channel 18 as a new event center.
- Currently monthly income from History Center rentals is \$1150 (from two sources), with two other one-time rentals scheduled for \$150 and \$300.

## **Programs Report – Kristin Krzic**

- TCHA's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration will be held Dec. 2 at the History Center. It will feature food, cake, a band, a slide show, display items from the TCHA collection, and VIP guests.
- School Feast Days were popular, despite the wet weather, with 331 children attending on the Thursday of the Feast, and 1,994 on the Friday of the Feast. Four other school programs were held from October through mid-November. School programs charge \$5 per student.

## **Collections Committee – Kelly Lippie**

- The Ouatennon artifact collection will be unpacked in the interim storage room in early 2019. It will be able to accommodate one researcher at a time; it was not set up for public use or research. Anyone interested in seeing the collection should contact Kelly Lippie.
- Strategic plans are nearly finalized for the archives and photo collection.
- Volunteers are still cataloging and scanning the photographic print collection, indexing the Journal & Courier negatives, and processing archival collections.
- A survey form has been developed so that library patrons can supply feedback on service and satisfaction. It will be sent out after final editing.
- Volunteers are sorting courthouse documents and reviewing documents to find more Poor Relief material. Shelf space was created to store county commissioners' books donated by the county. Volunteers are finishing an inventory of land records and deeds, and are working on correcting old inventories of wills, estates and marriage records.
- No complaints have been received on the new library rates.

### **Battlefield Museum Report** –report submitted by Rick Conwell

- Rick Conwell’s article on William Henry Harrison appeared in the fall issue of Hallowed Ground magazine.
- The battlefield recently was visited by actors and producers of Indiana Film Race, independent filmmakers.
- Most sales were down at the Feast, because of wet weather and lighter attendance.
- Craig Hadley reported that discussions continue with an Iowa man who owns a rifle used at the Battle of Tippecanoe. Colby Bartlett said that TCHA now has an opportunity to buy an Indian trade gun of the type used by Native Americans who fought at Tippecanoe for \$5000 with \$2500 down and \$2500 before July 1<sup>st</sup>. This is outside of the TCHA budget for acquisitions, so an outside sponsor would be needed to fund this. The item must still be reviewed by the Collections Committee to determine if it is acceptable for entrance into the permanent collection. *(Follow up – the Collection Committee met and reviewed/discussed this item. It voted to approve its addition to the collection should it be acquired. The Collection Committee put up \$1700 of the \$1800 left in the acquisition budget for the year towards the \$5000 purchase price. The remainder will need to come from sponsors or external funding.*

### **Feast Report – Leslie Martin Conwell**

- More than four inches of rain fell in three days, making it some of the worst weather in the history of the Feast. The event closed earlier than normal on Sunday because of muddy conditions. Some parking areas sustained major damage. The county has agreed to sow the 600 pounds of grass seed purchased by TCHA.
- No attendance figures are available yet, but the food booths did better than expected. Leslie reported that we “pulled a decent Feast out of a mud hellhole, due to the great work of participants, volunteers, staff, community partners, the parks department, board members, and our service contract providers.”

### **Facilities Committee (formerly Buildings and Grounds) – Walt Griffin**

- Volunteers are needed to help with landscaping at the History Center in the spring. There needs to be a landscape plan for both the Arganbright and the History Center.

### **Membership and Development Committee – Erika Kvam**

- No report

### **Ouiatenon Preserved Committee –Colby Bartlett**

- Native American repatriation officials will be here to discuss the repatriation of human remains found in past years and kept in storage.
- Overlook parking areas were damaged by cars and trucks parked there during the Feast. Barriers – possibly large stones – will be placed along the road to prevent future damage.

### **Executive Director report**

- Craig briefly reviewed recent work done on the History Center, including the excavation of the front lawn, construction of the patio, burial of electrical lines, installation of two lamp posts, window replacement, and installation of railings, windows and security cameras.
- Work is underway on the 2019 budget; a \$25,000 grant application to the county commissioners for the Fourth Grade Diversity Program; a proposal for Lafayette Bank & Trust to fund work on the auditorium of the History Center; and a programming guide for 2019.

Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned 7:00 PM

*Minutes recorded and submitted by Kevin Cullen*

## 2019 Calendar

| January 2019   |    |    |    |    |    |    | February 2019 |    |    |    |    |    |    | March 2019    |    |    |    |    |    |    | April 2019    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| May 2019       |    |    |    |    |    |    | June 2019     |    |    |    |    |    |    | July 2019     |    |    |    |    |    |    | August 2019   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| September 2019 |    |    |    |    |    |    | October 2019  |    |    |    |    |    |    | November 2019 |    |    |    |    |    |    | December 2019 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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Board of Governors' Meeting is held **4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month** (except as noted)

Section 5. Meetings of Board of Governors. Regular meetings of the Board of Governors shall be held throughout the year at locations, dates and times established by the Board. Additional meetings of the Board of Governors may be called by the President, Executive Committee, or must be called upon written request to the president of any five (5) Governors, or of any twenty (20) qualified voters of the general membership. Adequate advance notice must be given to the entire Board of Governors of the intended location, date, and time prior to any additional meeting being held.

**Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** (early because there is no meeting in December – allows enough time before Membership meeting)

Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day is Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>)

Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> (Feast is October 5-6 weekend)

Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>** (week early because Thanksgiving is Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>)

**Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** (week early .... *do we want to have a December meeting?*)

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS TERMS (3 Year Terms)**

| Name             | Term Ends     |
|------------------|---------------|
| Colby Bartlett   | December 2020 |
| Del Bartlett     | December 2018 |
| Diane Begley     | December 2018 |
| Pete Bill        | December 2019 |
| Kevin Cullen     | December 2018 |
| Craig Graham     | December 2020 |
| Walt Griffin     | December 2019 |
| Amy Harbor       | December 2020 |
| David Hovde      | December 2019 |
| Erika Kvam       | December 2020 |
| Quentin Robinson | December 2018 |
| Benjamin Ross    | December 2018 |
| Jeff Schwab      | December 2018 |
| Pete Sherry      | December 2019 |
| Preston Smith    | December 2018 |
| Phil Tucker      | December 2019 |
| Todd White       | December 2018 |
| John Thieme      | December 2019 |
| Shane Weist      | December 2019 |

**OFFICERS OF THE BOARD (1 Year Term, not more than 5 consecutive terms)**

| Position       | Name         | First Term Began          | Current Term Number | Re-election eligibility ends |
|----------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| President      | Pete Bill    | June 2016 (for 2016 term) | 3                   | January 2021                 |
| Vice President | Jeff Schwab  | February 2017             | 2                   | January 2022                 |
| Secretary      | Kevin Cullen | February 2018             | 1                   | January 2023                 |
| Treasurer      | John Thieme  | February 2015             | 4                   | January 2020                 |

## STANDING COMMITTEES

\* indicates Chair

### Executive Committee

Pete Bill \*  
Jeff Schwab  
Kevin Cullen  
John Thieme

### Nominating Committee

Quentin Robinson\*  
Preston Smith  
Pete Sherry

### Finance, Budget, and Risk Management Committee

Jeff Schwab \*  
John Thieme  
Todd White

### Facilities Committee (formerly the Buildings & Grounds Committee)

|                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| Walt Griffin * | Colby Bartlett |
| Amy Harbor     | Kevin Cullen   |
| Pete Bill      | Erika Kvam     |

### Collections Committee

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| Kelly Lippie*  | Carolyn O'Connell |
| Del Bartlett   | Quentin Robinson  |
| Pete Bill      | Mary Springer     |
| Leslie Conwell | Marsha Selmer     |
| Rick Conwell   | Kristin Krzic     |
| Kevin Cullen   | Craig Hadley      |
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### Ouiatenon Preserve Committee

Colby Bartlett \*  
Del Bartlett  
Di Begley  
David Hovde  
Leslie Martin Conwell

### Development & Membership Committee

Erika Kvam \*  
Craig Hadley  
Pete Bill  
Megan Lee - Membership Director

### Program Advisory Committee

Walt Griffin  
David Hovde  
Shane Weist  
Pete Bill

### Foundation Board Liaison

Del Bartlett