

VMIHA Board Meeting

04 December 2018

Attending: Alicia Widmer, Reed Fitzpatrick, Cyrus Anderson, Brian Brenno, Bruce Haulman, Emily Graham, Sue Hardy, Alexandra Seaman

Guests: Carol Slaughter, Mike Suddoth, Julie Hempton, Marissa Sonnith, Rob Wheeler

MOTION: It was moved, seconded and unanimously PASSED that the minutes of the November board meeting be approved

Carol Slaughter came on behalf of the South End Community Club to inquire whether the museum would like to become the caretaker of the Tahlequah sign. The club would transfer its monies into the museum's coffers as a means of providing restricted funds to maintain the sign. The club is also interested in donating its papers and those of the South End Girl Scout troupe to the museum.

MOTION: It was moved, seconded and unanimously PASSED that the museum should become the fiscal agent of the South End Community Club's funds purpose of custodial care of the Tahlequah sign.

The nomination committee presented Mike Suddoth, Julie Hempton, and Tom Langland as nominees for the Board of Trustees

MOTION: It was moved, seconded and unanimously PASSED that the board should approve and install the presented nominees to the board

The new board members were briefly introduced to the committees and the mission of the organization.

The financial committee reported on the progress of the 2019 budget, reflecting on the fact that many of the elements of the long term plan will come to fruition in the coming year. The administrative side of things will be the biggest change to the budget with the hiring of an executive director, event coordinator and bookkeeper, tremendously expanding the fixed expenses of the museum's budget. Exhibits will also be a major part of the overall budget this year, with the progression of the new permanent exhibit and the scope of the LGBTQ+ temporary exhibit. In building and grounds the Parsonage is found to be basically self-sufficient at this point.

A slide show of photos from the collection of the late Gene Sherman was presented to the board and the guests in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,
Alexandra Seaman, Recording Secretary