**Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan**

**Board of Trustees Annual Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, June 15, 2021 via Skype**

**Board Members Present:** Claudia Chapman, Jim Conboy, Jim Johnson, Michelle Miller, Diane Speer, Janet Young, Sue Stender, Marie Fielder, Jean Thomas, Gary Goren and Mike Beaulac.

**Others Present**: Executive Director Chris Witulski

**Absent**: Clarence Cross (excused), Judy Suszek (excused) and Mike Ableidinger

**Call to Order**: President Michelle Miller called the annual membership meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. via Skype. She praised Executive Director Chris Witulski and the rest of the museum staff for the outstanding job they did during a difficult year brought about by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

**Minutes**: Gary Goren moved to accept the minutes of the annual 2020 meeting. Janet Young supported. All in favor. Motion carried. Jim Conboy moved to accept the minutes of the annual 2019 meeting. Mike Beaulac support. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Year in Review**: Executive Director Chris Witulski presented a Year in Review Report, highlighting the ongoing Native American project as well as the museum’s social media and educational outreach during the pandemic. That full report is accessible online at the museum’s website.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Treasurer Sue Stender presented a financial overview of fiscal year June 2020-May 2021. She talked, in particular, about the COVID-related funding secured by the museum and how those funds helped to keep the museum in good financial standing during a difficult time. Her report will be filed as presented. ED Witulski added that the museum currently has $356,000 in unrestricted savings funds.

**Election of Trustees**: Governance Committee member Janet Young presented the slate of Board of Trustees members. A total of 32 proxy votes were received prior to the meeting.

The slate includes the following new board member for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2024:

**Ashley Wilmot**

The slate also includes the following incumbent board members for a second or third 3-year term ending June 30, 2024:

**Clarence Cross**

**Claudia Chapman**

**Diane Speer**

**Judy Suszek**

**Michelle Miller**

Jim Conboy made a motion to accept the slate for Board of Trustees members as presented. Seconded by Jean Thomas. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:** Themeeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Speer

Board Secretary