

## Meeting Minutes

Date: 6/11/2025

Meeting Start: 6:35 pm

Attendance:

- Executive Director: Candice Blackstone-Larson
- Board members present: Tom Dummer, David Wood, Luke Guindon, Louise Anderson, Ann Fisher, Lee Ossenheimer
- Board Members Virtual: Julie Foster-Lindquist, Dick Pierson
- Absent: Sue Bertram, Melinda Britton
- Approval of Previous Minutes
  - Ann Fisher

■ **Seconded by: Louise Anderson**

## Financial Reports

- Bell Financial
  - \$109,023.07 (\$3,280 of this is from 5/1-5/31)
- Business Checking
  - \$ 99,095.27
- Grant Business Checking
  - \$ 19,458.09
- Business Money Market
  - \$ 105,498.78
- 12 month CD for \$100,000 at Incredible Bank
  
- **Treasurer's Financial Report Approval**
  - **Motion to approve: Unanimous approval**
  
- Grants -
  - Marquette Rotary West Grant for art week: \$500 awarded
  - Hirvonen - submitted for \$2500 and have not heard back
  - Kiwanis Club - submitted for \$500 for the children's concert in 2026
  - Michigan Touring Grant - Not awarded
  - Superior Health Foundation - Heather Picotte has been working on it but will probably not be submitted before festival

## Old Business

- ED Contract
  - Still in progress
- Trailer, Licensing, and Fundraising update
  - New trailer has been delivered
  - Lee Ossenheimer will soon be visiting the Michigan secretary of state to take care of licensing and will be looking into the cost of putting logos on the side of the smaller trailers.
- Fundraising
  - Ann Fisher obtained cost estimates for vinyl name decals that can be printed and applied to the trailer to recognize donors contributing to the trailer fundraiser

- Possibly a fundraising thermometer, and a QR code that can easily lead festival attendees to a webpage to donate for the trailer purchase
- **Motion to adopt the fundraising committee's proposal to raise money for the trailer.**
  - **Motion by: Ann Fisher**
  - **Seconded by: Lee Ossenheim, Tom Dummer , and Dick Pierson**
- Insurance
  - Quote is back with necessary changes, including all vehicle insurance needs and all trailer adjustments.
- Charitable Solicitations Registration
  - In Progress
- Lullaby Project
  - It was received as a very successful and enjoyable event organized by Evan Premo and hosted at The Fold
- E-Voting - Bylaw Change
  - Amendments to the Bylaws require 2/3 majority and vote must be in a separate meeting from the meeting it is proposed
  - Julie Foster-Lindquist is working on this to be revisited
- FARM
  - Everyone from the board that is attending is registered and hotel has been booked
- Partridge creek compost
  - Payment has been negotiated for compost bins to be available at the kitchen tent

## **New Business**

- Conflict of Interest Discussion/policy
  - Ann Fisher and David Wood will pursue making adjustments
- Listing and advertising of all Hiawatha Fold events
  - We currently list events in Marquette Monthly, Candice Blackstone-Larson will look into advertising with radio result network
- Board bio and picture for program
  - Tom Dummer is collecting - our board activity summary / pictures to include in the festival program
- Music Selection Committee survey
  - The music selection committee has a start to questions that can be implemented into festival surveys
  - We will plan to have a single QR code that leads to a single webpage that will have links to all available surveys
- **Executive Director Report**
  - Raffle license is processing
  - Square invoices are going out for AC and monitor packages to show the value
  - Band promotion has been going out to social media
  - Artist packages kept at the gate have been getting assembled
  - 2 deposits - Tony Trischia, and Pixie And The Partygrass Boys went out
  - Festival T-shirts were counted
  - Posters have been placed around town

- Full page ad was recently in the Marquette Monthly for the festival
- Mining Journal ad for “Things to do around town”
  
- Fundraising
  - Trailer as discussed earlier in the minutes
- Events Committee
  - Sue Bertram is absent and unable to give report
- Membership Committee
  - 50 + new festival attendees registered for festival
  - Membership tent adjustment to include coffee, lounge type setup to collect stories from members
  - Planning to bring back 2 potlucks per year including one in January
  - Planning to allow members to pick up a coupon at the membership tent good for 10% off one merch item
  - Will meet again in the fall to revise membership levels and included packages
- Survey Committee
  - Discussed earlier in minutes to design festival surveys
- Music Selection Committee
  - Working on a survey for the festival
  
- **Tom Dummer makes a proposal: To amend our bylaws to include E-voting**
  - **Seconded by: Ann Fisher**

Next Board Mtg – August 13, 2025

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting**

- **Motion by: Lee Ossenheimer**
- **Seconded by: Luke Guindon**

**Meeting Ended: 8:21 PM**