



2022

*Annual Meeting*

*August 6, 2022*



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## Board of Directors

### Executive Committee

President: Mark Rutenbar  
Vice President: Vacant  
Treasurer: Richard Lefevre  
Secretary: Katie Taylor

### Members at Large

Anne Albers  
Stephanie Dege  
Jill Genova  
Dennis Norton

Joni Rogers

Mary Tagliareni

### Ex Officio

Vicki Wright

## Committees and Liaisons

Collections .....	Anne Albers
Education.....	Joni Rogers
Facilities .....	Mark Rutenbar
Fundraising.....	Dennis Norton
Liaison to Township Parks and Recreation Committee .....	Mary Tagliareni
Liaison to Township Board of Trustees .....	Mark Rutenbar
Membership.....	Mary Tagliareni
Programs and Events .....	Mary Tagliareni
Publicity .....	Katie Taylor
Township Historian .....	Jeni Matuszak
Volunteers .....	Joni Rogers

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## 2022 Annual Meeting Agenda

Saturday, August 6, 2022

10:00 a.m.

In accordance with Presque Isle Township Museum Society Bylaws, Article 4, Sec. 4.04, the Annual Meeting of the Membership will be held Saturday, August 6, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in Presque Isle Township Hall, 12653 E. Grand Lake Road, Presque Isle, Michigan

The order of business at the Annual Meeting shall be as follows:

1. Roll Call of Directors
2. Approval of Minutes from the 2021 Annual Meeting
3. Brief Reports from Officers
  - President: Mark Rutenbar
  - Vice-President: (Vacant)
  - Secretary: Katie Taylor
  - Treasurer: Richard Lefevre
4. Brief Reports from Committee Chairs
  - Collection: Anne Albers
  - Education: Joni Rogers
  - Facilities: Mark Rutenbar
  - Fundraising: Dennis Norton
  - Membership: Mary Tagliareni
  - Publicity: Katie Taylor
  - Volunteers: Joni Rogers
  - Programs & Events: Mary Tagliareni
5. Report from Township Historian: Jeni Matuszak
6. Volunteer Recognition
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business
9. Report from the Ballot Committee
10. Election and Installation of Directors
11. Adjournment



## 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2021

Meeting was called to order by President V. Wright at 10:08 AM. Present: M. Moyski, M. Tagliareni, K. Taylor, V. Wright, J. Rogers; M. Rutenbar, D. Lefevre; Absent - S. Dege; J. Matuszak, Township Historian

### 1. Roll Call of Directors -

All directors were present, with the exception of S. Dege.

**2. Approval of Minutes from the 2020 Annual Meeting-** A **MOTION** was made by Nancy Boerger, second Vickie Fields, and carried to approve the minutes of the 2020 annual meeting.

**3. Brief reports from Officers -** President V. Wright, Vice President M. Moyski, Secretary K. Taylor and Treasurer D. Lefevre gave brief synopses of their reports, which are attached and available on the PITMS website.

**4. Brief Reports from Committee chairs -** V. Wright, Collections chair, J. Rogers and M. Moyski, Education co-chairs, M. Rutenbar, facilities chair, Volunteers chair J. Rogers, Membership and programs chair M. Tagliareni, and Publicity chair K. Taylor provided brief reports, which are attached and available on the PITMS website.

**5. Report from Township Historian, J. Matuszak -** J. Matuszak was absent and unable to deliver a report.

**6. Volunteer Recognition -** V. Wright thanked our volunteers for their many generous contributions to our organization this past season.

**7. Unfinished business-** K. Wolf thanked the Board for their dedication. N. Boerger reflected on PITMS' growth as an organization and its accomplishments in recent years.

**8. New business -** It was suggested that the book "Almost an Island" be utilized by Board members and volunteers as an educational tool, and that paper cups be used at the next Annual Meeting.

**9. Report from the Ballot Committee -** The Ballot Committee presented four candidates for election as Directors of the Board: V. Wright and M. Tagliareni for re-election; and Dennis Norton and Jill Genova as new Board members. Ballots have been counted and Tagliareni and Wright have been reelected to a second 3-year term and Genova and Norton have been elected as new members. These board members' terms will expire in 2024.

**MOTION** by Owen Davis, second by Nancy Boerger to adjourn the meeting.

M. Rutenbar thanked V. Wright for her efforts as President in the past term.

There being no further business to come before the Board, V. Wright adjourned the meeting at 10:58 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Taylor, Secretary



## President's Letter

July 31, 2022

Dear Members and Friends of the PITMS,

This past year has been one of significant activity and progress in the mission of the Presque Isle Township Museum Society. We are blessed by a gifted and committed Board that oversees and carries out the work of the Museum Society. Our monthly meetings are the culmination of the work that has taken place and good opportunities for all to contribute to the shaping of our work.

A major transition took place earlier this year when Vicki Wright moved from the area and resigned as our President. We are deeply grateful for her tireless work in so many areas and the excellent leadership that she provided to our Board. She continues to serve on our Board as Ex Officio and we value all of her continuing contributions.

A major success in the past year was the GivingTuesday campaign that included expanded partnerships with area businesses and increased resources for the Restoration Fund. A new education effort was launched that reached out to school children and welcomed the first field trip in recent memory to our Lighthouses. Our photo contests proved popular and the children's art contest was well received. The winner of the 2020 Old Lighthouse photo contest generously donated a framed print for us to use in a drawing that will benefit the Society this summer. PITMS was represented in the July 2<sup>nd</sup> Parade and at the summer Music at the Lighthouse with creative children's craft tables.

A new initiative brought together representatives from 40 Mile Point, Tawas, and Sturgeon Point for a meeting in Presque Isle of the "Sunrise Side Lighthouses" that offered the chance to share common passions, concerns, and challenges. The meeting was valuable and future gatherings are planned to strengthen our network of support.

We continue to be good stewards of our neighborhood through our participation in the Adopt a Highway program by cleaning up East Grand Lake Road to the Lighthouse in July and sponsoring the Adopt-a-Beach™ effort in the fall. The spring cleanup of the 1905 House was a great way to build community and launch the season of welcoming our guests to our historic site.

Our membership remains strong and the investment of the wider community in our mission is evident in giving of time through volunteers and giving of money to support our efforts. I am grateful for all of the generosity of spirit that continues to motivate all we do.

Sincerely,

C. Mark Rutenbar, President



## Secretary's Report

Katie Taylor

Minutes of all Board of Directors meetings have been recorded, approved and are on file. All official and legal documents are current and protected in a secure location.

Society correspondences are up to date, including notices of meetings, where required.

## Treasurer's Report

Richard Lefevre

October 1, 2021 — July 31, 2022

### ACCOUNT BALANCES:

mBank Checking Account	\$23,744.33 (as of July 31, 2022)
CFNEM Spendable Account	\$33,533.54 (as of June 30, 2022)
CFNEM Endowed Funds	\$22,245.07 (as of June 30, 2022)
CFNEM Reserve Account	<u>\$ 2,966.77</u> (as of June 30, 2022)
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$82,489.71</b>

\*Does not include Lighthouses Restoration Funds. See "OTHER" below.

	2022	2021	Change
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	21,272.98	19,235.93	
<b>Revenue:</b>			
Memberships	3,820.00	3,462.48	357.52
Donation-1905 House	570.39	290.74	279.65
Donation-New Lighthouse	188.00	204.38	-16.38
Donation-Old Lighthouse	424.26	130.04	294.22
Donation-Other	1,917.12	1,747.68	169.44
Donation-Memorial	200.00		200.00
Grants-Foundation	500.00	1,000.00	-500.00
Interest and Dividends			0.00
Auction			0.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>7,619.77</b>	<b>6,835.32</b>	<b>784.45</b>
<b>Expense:</b>			
Frontier-Telephone Security System	591.74	580.80	10.94
Dues & Subscriptions	110.00	110.00	0.00
Educational Workshops			0.00



Insurance	1,217.00	1,212.00	5.00
Postage	399.87	348.63	51.24
Printing	1,598.94	287.12	1,311.82
Special Events		81.38	-81.38
Exhibits		1,000.00	-1,000.00
Raffle Tickets			0.00
Public Programs	187.92		187.92
Facility Rental	35.00		35.00
Refreshments			0.00
Security System Service Fee	405.72	382.80	22.92
Website	469.89	360.00	109.89
Supplies	80.39	454.40	-374.01
Office Equipment (Interpretive Panels)		1,126.13	-1,126.13
Licenses & Fees - Federal/State Filing Fees	36.95	40.00	-3.05
Maintenance & Repair			0.00
Licenses & Permits	15.00	12.46	2.54
Artifact Repairs			0.00
Artifact Registration/Photo			0.00
Other		143.10	-143.10
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5,148.42</b>	<b>6,138.82</b>	<b>-990.40</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>2,471.35</b>	<b>696.50</b>	<b>1,774.85</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>23,744.33</b>	<b>19,932.43</b>	<b>3,811.90</b>

**\*OTHER**

CFNEM Presque Isle Township Lighthouses Restoration Fund (as of June 30, 2022)

Donations	\$14,728.80
Unrealized Loss	\$ -472.23
Realized Loss	\$ -1.47
Administrative Fees	<u>\$ -437.09</u>
Balance	\$50,055.97

\*In 2018, Presque Isle Township Museum Society (PITMS) & Presque Isle Township established the CFNEM Presque Isle Township Lighthouses Restoration Fund to support the care and preservation of our Old and New Lighthouses and related buildings.





## Collection Report

Anne Albers

The PITMS manages a collection of historical artifacts that are displayed in the 1905 Keeper's House and the keepers' quarters for the Old (1840) and New (1870) Lighthouses. The collection is displayed to tell the story of our lighthouses and the light keepers who watched over them.

Vicki Wright, our past President and Collection Manager, moved from the Presque Isle area in May 2022, but fortunately remains as an ex officio on the PITMS Board. I took over as collection manager in May 2022 and have had the benefit of Vicki's continued advice and guidance on all collection matters.

Our collection of artifacts grew in 2022. We added sheet music (donated by Vicki Wright), a collection of antique inkwells (Carol Norton), a slat-back chair with an embossed leather seat (Norton family), a 1930s game called "Bottoms Up" (Norton family), a bed warming stone (Lapata family), and a brass hand bell (Lapata family). In addition, Gary and Susan Kurylo made a formal gift of several items that were originally donated as a loan. And, last but certainly not least, we received a packet of photographs from the James Van Wagnen family showing their life at the 1905 Keeper's House in the mid-1970s.

We are grateful to all our donors for their gifts.





## Education Report

Joni Rogers

### Outreach:

With a generous grant from the Presque Isle Community Men's Club, the education committee was able to purchase supplies to fill six Michigan Lighthouse Education bins to be utilized by area 3rd grade classes as part of their Michigan History curriculum. In cooperation with Presque Isle Township, we also had our first follow-up field trip with a 3rd grade class from Wilson Elementary. They were also the first classroom to pilot one of our educational bins. On June 6th, 5 volunteers hosted 29 students and 10 adults at our lighthouses to reinforce and expand on the information that students learned from the educational bin. The day was very rewarding for all involved.

### Current Goal:

In the fall we will be sending letters to all area schools to invite 3rd grade classes to borrow and utilize the Michigan Lighthouse Education bins; and also to consider scheduling a follow-up field trip to our lighthouses when we open for next season. We hope to be able to host more classrooms for field trips in 2023.

## Facility Report

Mark Rutenbar

Though our work is year-round, the season begins with the opening of the 1905 Lightkeepers House in late May. This historic facility is prepared for our guests by faithful volunteers who participate in an annual cleanup day. Great care was exercised again this year to ensure that we present our collection in its best light.

We continue to work with the Township to work on needed repairs to the 1905 House. Particular attention this year will be the second story small window sashes which are suffering the effects of dry rot. The front porch has been patched and is in need of major repair in the near future.

We experienced some damage from the hailstorm in late spring with several storm windows broken in the severe weather.

We are very grateful for Grand Lake Landscaping and Tree Service for their gift of the use of a hydraulic lift so that the second story window could be adapted to accommodate our air conditioning unit which will provide climate control for the safety of our collection and the comfort of our guests.

On a side note, we continue to practice good stewardship of our neighborhood by cleaning up the road leading to the Lighthouses in July. Fourteen volunteers participated in this Adopt a Highway effort that serves the common good.



## Greeters / Volunteers Report

Joni Rogers

On May 21st, a group of volunteers worked both outside and inside the 1905 Keeper's House to prepare it for opening for the 2022 season. We opened on May 27th, Friday - Monday from 11 am - 4 pm. After Father's Day, we added Thursday to the museum schedule.

On June 14th and 15th, I held two docent orientation/refresher sessions at the 1905 House, and between those sessions and on-the-job shadowing at the house, we have added seven new museum docents this year.

New volunteer opportunities that have been added this year include the 3rd grade field trip and several excursions from the Viking Cruise ships that have docked in Alpena. We have also had some scheduled bus tours this summer. Our regular season at the 1905 House will end on September 5th, but other opportunities will be available after that with a bus tour and ship excursion in September, and Autumn Lights and Christmas at the Lighthouse in October and December.

Volunteers receive weekly communication from the volunteer coordinator and utilize SignUpGenius to schedule shifts at the 1905 House.

## Membership Report

Mary Tagliareni

Reporting Period: January 1, 2022 through August 3, 2022

Comparing membership years 2018 to 2022, I show the following:

<b>Membership Category</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Individual (\$25)	26	19	19	17	14
Family (\$35)	37	29	26	23	26
Lightkeeper (\$100)	18	17	13	7	4
Beacon (\$500)	1				
Lifetime	41	42	46	46	49
	<b>123</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>93</b>

There are also 11 businesses that contributed at the silver, gold, and platinum sponsorship levels to our GivingTuesday campaign to raise funds for the Presque Isle Lighthouses Restoration Fund and received PITMS Business Memberships in recognition of their contributions.

- Allegra Alpena
- Boilore's Carpet and Furniture Cleaning
- Dennis Norton Companies



- Fireside Inn
- Grand Lake Landscaping and Tree Service
- Lakeshore Realty
- Presque Isle Yacht Club
- Propane Plus
- Sand Bay Trading Company and Woody's Grand Lake
- Seymour's Long Lake
- Young's Appliance and Furniture

Additional donations were made by annual and lifetime members as follows:

<b>Membership Category</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Individual	\$605	\$35	\$0	\$90
Family	\$455	\$260	\$110	\$40
Lightkeeper	\$200	\$300	\$300	\$100
Lifetime	\$700	\$75	\$455	\$300
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1960</b>	<b>\$665</b>	<b>\$865</b>	<b>\$530</b>

It is wonderful to see our annual memberships, at all levels, increase again this year. The generosity and support from our members who included additional donations with their memberships is most appreciated. We are thankful that our membership recognizes that annual support is vital for PITMS to maintain operations and continued growth in fulfilling our mission.

## **Program Report**

Mary Tagliareni

### **Summer 2021 Youth Art Contest**

Last summer, PITMS sponsored a Youth Art Contest for artists in kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade in three age divisions. Volunteer judges awarded prizes to the first and second place winners and participation certificates were issued to all the artists. There were a total of 29 “official” entries and one very excited pre-schooler from artists who hailed from twelve Michigan communities and one Missouri town. The artwork was submitted as pictures via email and shared with the community via Facebook. A comment from one of the parents “It not only got my daughter even more excited to visit the lighthouse, but also got her, my younger son, and me to set aside time for some creativity. It was a day well spent. Presque Isle holds a really special place in our hearts, as my husband's grandparents had lived in the family cottage year-round, and there have been generations of memories made in the community.” Thank you to our judges who had a difficult time judging the wonderful creative pieces of art: Janet Straley, Joni Rogers, and Dennis Norton.

### **Adopt-A-Beach 2021**

Presque Isle Township Museum Society hosted a beach cleanup as part of the Alliance for the Great Lakes’ Adopt-a-Beach™ program. On Saturday, September 18, 19 volunteers cleaned debris from the



Presque Isle area down to the Besser Bell Natural Area and Thompson's Harbor State Park, removing over 53 pounds of litter from Lake Huron's shoreline. Volunteers recorded the type and quantity of litter they collected on datasheets that were submitted to the Alliance for the Great Lakes' online Adopt-a-Beach™ database and the Great Lakes One Million Challenge. Thank you to the PITMS Board for all their help and the community of volunteers who made this a success.

### **Autumn Lights Festival 2021**

Due to the pandemic, the Autumn Lights Festival was not held in October 2021, however, PITMS took the opportunity to decorate the 1905 House with fall decorations including mums, corn stalks, ribbons, and pumpkins. While visitors to New Lighthouse Park enjoyed the decorations, the resident porcupine enjoyed them more as a meal.

### **Caroling at the Lighthouse 2021**

Due to pandemic restrictions, Christmas at the Lighthouse was not held in 2021. On Friday, December 17 PITMS hosted a group of Presque Isle community singers and guitar players on the front porch of the 1905 Keeper's House to sing carols. All in attendance enjoyed the music, camaraderie and Holiday spirit. The following were collected and delivered by Stephanie Dege to Posen Consolidated School for distribution to those in need: 7 hats, 18 pairs of gloves, 1 ear warmer, 1 scarf, and 3 sets of hats and mittens/gloves.

Thank you to PITMS Board Members Vicki Wright and Stephanie Dege for all their help with this event. Thank you to the volunteer musicians and singers: Mark Kinney, Dave Larkin, Nancy Boerger, Charlie and Kathy Phipps, Lance and Diane Heitz, Ann-Marie Ruder, Harold Ruder, Vickie Fields. An additional thank you to Vickie Fields for organizing the performers.

### **Presque Isle Harbor Wooden Boat Show 2022**

On June 18, PITMS staffed a booth at the Presque Isle Wooden Boat Show to expand our presence in the community. The kids in attendance enjoyed making lighthouses at the kids' craft table, while a few artifacts from the 1905 House provided a great opportunity to start up conversations. The booth also provided an opportunity to sell raffle tickets, recruit volunteers and distribute the new PITMS brochure.

### **Independence Day Parade 2022**

PITMS participated in the Presque Isle community celebration of Independence Day on Saturday, July 2, by entering a float in the Friends of the Grand Lake Library and Presque Isle District Library parade. The float featured a replica of a lighthouse, patriotic decorations, PITMS banners on each side, and family members of our Board throwing candy to the parade viewers. After the parade, over 30 craft lighthouses were made by young revelers at the PITMS craft table, while a picnic was hosted by the Township's Park and Recreation Committee and additional family activities were sponsored by other community organizations.

### **Adopt-A-Highway 2022**

On Saturday, July 16, a cadre of 14 volunteers picked up trash along East Grand Lake Road from Highway 638 to the New Lighthouse. PITMS has adopted this stretch of road for many years and is proud to help care for our little piece of heaven. Thank you to Mark Rutenbar for coordinating this event. A job well done being good stewards of our neighborhood.



## **Ongoing 2022 Events**

PITMS is currently hosting a 2022 Lighthouses Photo Contest, with two divisions for the Old and New Lighthouses, and the 2022 Youth Art Contest with submission deadlines scheduled after the PITMS Annual Meeting. Both local and visiting artists are inspired by our lighthouses and we look forward to seeing how their creativity and talent are revealed in the contest entries. We will also be hosting our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Adopt-a-Beach™ cleanup on Saturday, September 17.

I would like to thank the PITMS Board members, PITMS volunteers and the Presque Isle Community who support the various aspects of these events including coordination of the events, promoting the events, reviewing products, staffing the events, and participating. It takes a community to make these events happen for the enjoyment and benefit of everyone.

## **Publicity Report**

Katie Taylor

As of the date of this report, PITMS' Facebook page has over 2000 followers, up from 1,645 as reported on August 2, 2021. Mary Tagliareni is to be heartily thanked for her efforts in regularly posting to social media, reaching local outlets about PITMS events, investing time in community outreach efforts such as craft tables, photo and art contests, a raffle, an Independence Day Float, GivingTuesday, and more. PITMS has greatly increased visibility in the community, and our ability to help the people and places we care about improves each year. Future fundraisers and events are greatly looked forward to as we further expand opportunities to assist the community and advertise our organization.

In addition, the PITMS launched a new website in early May, designed by Joey Jackson of Alpena. Our website can still be found at <https://presqueislelighthouses.org/>.

## **Report from Township Historian**

Jeni Matuszak

It has been a very exciting season this year. We have shared our Presque Isle Township lighthouse history with visitors from around the world arriving from the Viking Cruise Ships. The visitors transfer from the cruise ship to shore via tenders to the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center in Alpena. Once on shore, myself or a staff member from the gift shop provide a narration of maritime history during their bus ride to Presque Isle. The volunteers at the 1905 House have done a fabulous job making the tours to the lighthouses a real success. Thank you!

I have also started working on three new exhibits at the 1870 lighthouse keeper's quarters. One exhibit will be in the oil room, which is where the keeper would have measured out the oil to be used in the lamp that evening. I will also show other items the keeper used to care for the lens. Another exhibit shares the history and locations of our local shipwrecks. I am also adding more information on our lady keepers of the Presque Isle lights.



During a spring storm, the lighthouses received significant damage due to ice and storms. The township with the help of the restoration fund, gift shop earnings and insurance will help in keeping our structures sound for many years to come. I would like to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication in helping preserve our PI Lighthouse Parks.

It is my pleasure to help share our history of this wonderful area.