

DARWIN R. BARKER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION BOARD

June 17, 2020

Meeting in East Barker Commons Park 4:00pm

Members Present: David Dengler, Linda PrechtI, Jon Weekly, Jeff Adams, Mark Twichell, Michelle Twichell, Kathy Peterson, Maureen Saunders, Michael Sheehan, Librarian Sara Hart, Museum Curator Max Walters, guest Rich Johnson

Village Representative- None

Town Representative- None

Minutes- approved, Kathy moved to accept, Jon seconded.

Correspondence- None

Treasurer's Report- approved, Linda moved to accept, Mark seconded

Librarian Report- Salaries were under budget from January 2020 thru May 2020. (See report).

Received money from PPP for salaries deposited in bank account. Museum owes Library for their salary.

Alarm system cost needs to be included.

DFT refund check for overpayment on security system cost deposited. We are paying monthly system charge for Town of Pomfret and Library. Town has been paying for our water so Sara feels this balances out our payment on security system.

Sara reported we are overdue for a strategic plan. Rick will help with this.

Sara reported about the new curbside pick up for the Library and staffing of hours for employees. She can keep employees busy with normal hours in doing this while cutting hours when Library is open. Staff will begin tomorrow with curb side pick up. Carey, Children Librarian, has been working from home creating free crafts for children and reading books on the internet. Sara is not comfortable with opening the Library and would like to look into a UV light filtering system from Gugino Plumbing. She will get back to board about what she finds out.

Guest Speaker-Rick Johnson stated the Morris Miller Fund M&T Bank has is costly and he feels it could be getting a better return and suggested we withdraw this Fund and have Community Foundation manage this money at a much lower cost.

Mark offered to contact M&T to discuss moving this Fund out to Community Foundation.

Rick suggested M&T could still be the trustee. Rick suggested we use endowment cash for specific projects as a better use of this money to improve the Museum building, fix leaking roof, Yankee gutters.

David agreed that sooner the better to make these improvements.

Old Business- Kathy reported the Fredonia Preservation Society will help us with money, but they want a plan before they give us money.

We are still waiting for a lease extension from the Village of Fredonia for the Library. Mark said he would contact Trustee Jim Lynden since he is our Village representative.

PPE was an 8 week supplement running from April 22, 2020 thru June 17, 2020. We can reapply in 24 weeks to repay staff. Brand new loan needed? Sara will look into this.

Museum Curator and New Business- Max Walters (Museum Curator) reported the AC is working fine and the humidity in the Museum is under control. Museum is readjusting to people not coming in. Jeff is helping with grant to transfer digital data to new computer. Max is working on website and posting stories of interest on the Facebook page. Jeff, Jon and Max are working on decommissioning books to be sold on internet. Yard sale is being planned to sell auxillary items. Jeff announced a tree trim remove trash party on Saturday June 27, 2020.

Next meeting-July 15, 2020

Meeting Adjourned-5:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Twichell, Secretary