

**Darwin R. Barker Library Association Board**

**October 21, 2020**

**Meeting held in Steele Room**

**4:00pm**

**Members Present:** David Dengler, Linda Prechtl, Jon Weekly, Mark Twichell, Michelle Twichell, Maureen Saunders, Kathy Peterson, Michael Sheehan, Librarian Sara Hart, Museum Curator Max Walters

**Village Representative:** Trustee Jim Lynden, not present

**Town Representative:** Councilman Christopher Schaeffer, not present

**Meeting called to order 4:00pm**

**Election of Officers for term 10/2020 thru 10/2021:** David Dengler, President; Linda Prechtl Vice President; Michelle Twichell Secretary, Mark Twichell Treasurer.

Also approved reappointment of Board members: David Dengler, Jon Weekly, Michael Sheehan and Kathy Peterson for 3 years from 10/20 to 10/23. Sara will send out list of board members and their terms to be served.

All board members approved of these appointments.

**Minutes:** approved. Kathy motioned to accept, Mark seconded.

**Correspondence:** Received letter from Willmington Trust denying request to move money out of their account for MM estate holdings for Darwin Barker Library Association Board. David read letter to board dated September 17, 2020. Board will pursue action on this denial.

Received letter from Carol Groat appreciating the Library staff on their reopening of library.

**Treasurer Report:** Profit and Loss statements were given by Sara. Library phone bill is going up in financials. Will ask Joyce to break down phone bill for library and museum. Linda has old budget from Mr. Kumler, past treasurer. She will look and see how the money received was divided up between library and museum. Mark suggested a split of 70% for library funding and 30% for museum funding. Board will review this at next meeting. Mark will review budgets for next years approval with Sara and Max.

**Librarian Report:** Sara reported that the fountain in the Library had to be refurbished. A new pump was ordered at a cost of \$3,000.

Quote for new library entrance door is being helped with handyman Scott under Sara's direction.

Programs: Carey is working on more zoom stories to be shared with children from the area.

Sara purchased an online story link about the Asylums and their history. She also purchased 2 books from the author about this story. A free link will be available to members of the Library.

PPP loan was talked about. David did not receive this information or could not locate it. Once located it will be sent to David and Joyce for their review.

Sara brought up the cost of Beals storing old Fredonia Censor Newspapers with them at a cost of \$240 per year. We need to have it digitized so we may have copies and discontinue use of storage. Sara will look into the cost of digitizing. Mark asked if we have it from the start of the newspaper in 1821 on. SUNY Fredonia has it from 1821 on. Max reported we have it digitized from 1850 on.

Sara reported Mike is working on the upgrade for the phone system.

Gugino has been working on the heater for the Library. Still waiting for the UV Filter system.

**Museum Curator Report:** Max reported we have 50 active members and life members. This includes new members due to the good visibility at the Saturday's Farmers Market. There are 2 remaining Saturday exhibits remaining. Pumpkin painting will be available next Saturday along with exhibits from the museum. The museum will be participating with the local Chamber of Commerce and local shops passing out candy to children on Halloween from 2-5pm. He asked for volunteers to help decorate museum outside for Halloween and help pass out candy.

Max along with volunteers is working on an exhibit on local Civil War hero William Cushing. This is the first new exhibit being displayed in the museum.

New website is up: Barkermuseum.org. The cost for the new website was under \$200. Website offers membership information. Max is working on purchasing a square to set up payment acceptance with new memberships. More photos and articles from the museum will be posted on the website accordingly.

Printer is not working. It is 2004 model. Mike Jones looked into a replacement and suggested purchasing one he found for \$760.

Need new archival boxes and shelving (metal) to be placed in the Children's museum upstairs. A budget will be presented for these expenses. Mark will work with Max on the development of a budget for the Museum and present it at the next meeting.

Kathy commented everyone at the Fredonia Farmers Market have been excited about having Max from the Museum involved in the Saturday event.

**Old Business:** Mark up dated board on cost proposal on the landscaping around the Museum. Phase 1 removal of bushes, phase 2 plant new nursery stock such as lilacs, hydrangea and other planting. Cost \$5,700. Removal of trees: \$900. This will take place next spring. Everything will be done at the same time.

**New Business:** By laws were discussed. All agreed this is our internal workings and need not be shared. Only send portion that is needed to clarify non component part of the Village.

**Next meeting: November 18, 2020 Steele Room at 4:00pm**

**Meeting Adjourned: 5:08**

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Twichell, secretary