

Darwin R. Barker Library and Museum Association

May 19, 2021

Steele Room

4:00pm

Members Present: Linda PrechtI, Mark Twichell, Michelle Twichell, Jon Weekly, Jeff Adams, Maureen Saunders, Kathy Peterson, Michael Sheehan, Librarian Sara Hart, Curator Maxwell Walters, New Librarian Director Graham Tedesco-Blair

Member Absent: David Dengler

Village Representative: Scott Johnston, present

Town Representative: Christopher Schaeffer, absent

Meeting called to order: 4:00pm

Vice President Linda PrechtI called the meeting to order in the absence of President David Dengler

Minutes: Motion to accept Kathy, seconded Maureen, motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Motion to accept Jon, Jeff seconded, motion carried.

Library Report: Sara reported that the door installation is projected to happen mid-June. An extension with NYSDE was filled and will allow another year for completion. Jeff asked who will be installing door. Jerry Stone will be installing door from Builders Hardware. The transom window will be removed and given to Maxwell to place in the museum collection.

Mask mandate will remain in place for patrons of the library.

Carey is working on a summer reading program and will set up a tent outside in the parking area of the library.

Holly Benton has given her official notice. Her last day will be June 29.

Village Representative Report: Scott explained to the board that Day St. will be closed sometime in June through possibly August on Saturdays for use of the Farmer's Market since Church St. is being renovated as part of the Commons transformation. Mark asked about a site plan and Scott has not seen a plan but suggested we go to the Village Hall and ask the Village clerk to view it.

Scott was thanked for coming to the meeting and left after his report.

Curator Report: John Lowther has installed shelves in the up-stair's storage area. Maxwell pointed out that the plywood shelves need to be covered with a sealant so as not to cause damage to items placed on shelves. Mark volunteered to help out with sealing the wood planks.

Maxwell and Catherine are scheduled to visit the McClurg Museum in Westfield to take a look at Cushing items to be loaned for our exhibit.

The Museum placed a popup exhibit containing information about the Barker House at the Farmer's Market. The old sign from the front of the building containing the name of Barker Library and Museum was on display.

Dorothy is resigning from her staff position at the Museum. She will continue to volunteer as needed. Maxwell asked volunteers to be docents to replace Dorothy.

Jeff received a third quote from Mr. Bartoo for repairing roof in Belden room. The quote will be forwarded on to the Village Board for their review.

The museum will be participating in the Attic and Seller Days on June 4 and the 5.

Kathy asked if we received the new display case ordered in Doug Sheppard's memory. It has not been received yet.

New Business: Jon wishes to keep the policy of mask wearing for patrons of the library. Kathy agreed with this policy and the board will keep it in place.

Linda asked Sara to email the board about CHQ in regards to fund raising.

Before going into executive session Sara asked Graham to go with her so they could work out a schedule for him to come in so she may go over the list proposed by the board to have a smoother transition.

Meeting was closed with a vote to go into Executive Session. Motion made by Linda, seconded by Kathy all in favor motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned 4:40pm

Executive Session: Personnel

Entered into Executive Session: 4:42pm

Executive Session ended: 4:59 Jon motioned, Maureen seconded, motion carried.

Entered into regular meeting: 5:00pm motion to approve Graham as our new Library Director made by Jon, seconded Michael, motion carried.

Maureen suggested Graham give us description about himself so we may display it at the information desk at the library.

Meeting Adjourned 5:05pm: motion to accept Kathy, seconded Mark, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted: Michelle Twichell, secretary

Next meeting: June 16, 2021