

**Darwin R. Barker Library and Museum Association**

Sept. 21, 2022

4:00pm Steele Room

**Agenda:**

**Review of minutes emailed:**

**Correspondence:**

**Treasurer Report:** Mark Twichell

**Librarian Report:** Graham Tedesco-Blair

**Curator Report:** Max Walters

**Town Representative:** Christopher Schaeffer

**Village Representative:** Michelle Twichell

**Old Business:** Picnic Recap, Officer Elections

**New Business:** Open Trustee position, review quote for Barker Museum exterior repairs to be considered for Village Grant application

**Calendar:**

**Adjourn Meeting:**

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### Board Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2022

**Members Present:** Linda Prechtl, Max Walters, Kathy Petersen, Jon Weekly, Graham Tedesco-Blair, Pat Stokes, Kitty Crow

**Village Representative:** absent

**Town Representative:** Christopher Schaeffer

**Review of July Minutes:** Kathy moves to accept, Pat 2nds, passed

**Treasurer Report:** none

**Librarian Report:** written report, plus 2 new display cases by fountain

**Museum Report:** written report, plus DFT Telephone Museum will donate artifacts from their museum

**Old Business:** Polacek Fund, housed by Courier Capital & administered by Joe Gugino, was explained

Picnic: Jeff & Graham are getting food, Jon drinks. Museum columns were patched up by Jeff & Mark.

**New Business:** Case Statement Development is being assembled. Annual Meeting will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October

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**Adjourn:** Kathy moves, Pat 2<sup>nds</sup> 4:45 pm

Minutes submitted by Kathy Petersen, sec'y.

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**Library Report**

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*Summer Reading* – Went very well! 90 kids aged 0-5, 52 kids aged 6-11, and 46 adults participated in our summer reading program, and 535 attended our events.

*Phone Upgrade* – Received the estimate from DFT. It costs less per month to upgrade to VOIP, which will give us a better connection, a usable voicemail box, and modern hardware that isn't 20+ years old.

*Art Rails* – possible donation?

*Seed Library and Exchange Program* -- We have a small card catalog donated by the museum with nine drawers. We are starting small and letting it "grow" organically through exchange and donation. Our goal is to add related programming in the future. A shelf in the tech room has been allocated to hold supplies as we catalog and transfer seeds to our new envelopes, and, much like plants themselves, we expect this to grow and grow.

*Book Sale* – Running September 29, 30, and Oct 1. Have sent notices to paper, local radio, and on FB

*Audit* – Came back clean. Copies are available for folks to browse/take.

*Staffing* – Amanda has put in her two weeks. We wish her all the best, and thank her for the amazing contributions she's made since she started here! New clerks are being interviewed from our pool of applicants, and if no candidate is found, a public posting will be made

*Mural* – Waiting on drafts, expected on Oct 1

*Monthly Stats:*

Overdrive 985, solidly 3<sup>rd</sup> in the system

Physical 1770, including 692 adult, 673 juvenile, and 159 DVD

*Deferred Compensation Plan from NY State* – opportunity to join state retirement system

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**Curator's Report**

Exhibits

- Feeding Fredonia: The Legacy of Local Food Manufacturers, opened on August 27th in conjunction with the Farm Festival in Barker Common.
- Outdoor pop-up table displays and a temporary Halloween exhibit are being planned for the Harvest Festival on October 21st and 22nd.

Building Improvements

- LED lights have been installed in the ceiling cutaways in Manly gallery and in the Dutch dollhouse. This work was done by BECC.
- An estimate for repair and restoration on the museum's exterior, including painting, masonry repair, window sill replacement, columns and trim replacement, and storm windows and doors, has been submitted by Bartoo Inc. for the purpose of seeking a grant to be administered by the village.

Collections Management

- Archives intern Erin has finished cataloging several sections of the village documents, including the police and fire records.

Programs

- Grape Belt Archive reception was well attended, with 18 guest signatures including colleagues from cultural institutions and wineries across the region. The archive's creator John Slater spoke in the Steele Room and answered questions from 12-2, after which visitors were able to view the Feeding Fredonia exhibit.

Research

- Doug Shepard's daughter Allyson will visit on October 19 to finalize the compendium of Doug's work into a booklet.

Fundraising

- Mr. Star visited the Barker for a tour on Sept 15, at which time he was able to see the various projects which he has supported previously, including the lighting, roller shades, and architectural cutaways from the assessment done by LaBella. A list of upcoming projects with a total budget of \$27,000 was discussed, as was the need for a new endowment to maintain and expand operations.
  - Recommend forming a committee to create and send a proposal package with photographs and information about the gallery in Room 201 (the former Historical Room), and a request for the endowment amount.