

Darwin R. Barker Library and Museum Association

Board Meeting Agenda

October 19, 2022

4:00 PM

Agenda:

Review of Minutes emailed:

Correspondence:

Treasurer Report: Mark Twichell

Librarian Report: Graham Tedesco-Blair

Curator Report: Max Walters

Town Representative: Chris Schaeffer

Village Representative: Michelle Twichell

Old Business: Exterior mural review with artist. Fundraising committee update.

New Business: Introduce Margaret Foley, prospective board member. Need to form a finance committee to begin 2023 budget prep work. Election of officers & re-upping Trustees' terms. Discuss prospective board members

Calendar:

Adjourn:

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Board Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2022

Members Present: Jeff Adams, Kathy Petersen, Graham Tedesco-Blair, Pat Stokes, Max Walters, Linda Prechtl, Kitty Crow, Dan Young, Mark Twichell

Town Representative: Chris Schaeffer

Village Representative: Michelle Twichell

Review Aug. Minutes: Kitty moves to accept, Pat 2nds, passed

Correspondence: note of thanks for DRB picnic rec'd from volunteer Janet Centner

Treasurer Report: written report plus: Mark has drafted a letter to the village supporting grant application (approved by board), Jeff & Graham have requested that BLB supply financials earlier to allow review before bd. mtg. Jeff moves to accept, Linda 2nds, passed

Librarian Report: written plus: Rick Ketcham, Rick Johnson, Stanley Star, & Frank Pagano visited DRB. Stanley Star will send a \$27,000 donation to cover needs. Kitty suggests that an electronic copy of audit be posted on website – Graham will do it. Graham will be interviewing a replacement for Amanda on Friday. Re: mural – Rotary may be interested in funding project. Mark moves to accept report, Kathy 2nds, passed

Curator Report: written report Kathy moves to accept, Kitty 2nds, passed

Town Representative: Chris reports receipt of DRB financials for town budget mtg in October

Village Representative: village starts budget review in Jan or Feb – DRB needs to advocate for an increase in support. Village will need to approve proposed mural design. Michelle will ask Todd Langworthy about the status of Lafayette signage.

Old Business: DRB picnic was a success & will recur yearly. In October, bd. officers will renew or change. Kitty is nominated for treasurer; Kathy will stay as secretary.

New Business: Dan resigns for personal reasons. Dan reports that Mike Bobseine is willing to help pro bono with legal questions. Mary Lou VanWey was delighted to have won the museum photo contest. Wes Bartoo has submitted quotes for column repair. These have been passed along to Michelle for Travis Gordon to submit with grant application. The DRB fundraising committee will meet next week (Tues 2pm) to discuss Star endowment proposal & solidify case statement.

Calendar: next meeting: October 19, 4pm, Steele Room

Adjournment: Linda moves, Pat 2nds, passed

Minutes submitted by Kathy Petersen, sec'y.

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Librarian's Report

New Clerk – we're happy to welcome Elizabeth Padgett to the team! She brings a background in horticulture, speaks Spanish, and formally worked as a clerk in Buffalo.

Storywalk and Book Giveaway – held on Sept 24, set up our tent concurrently with the farmer's market and gave away books, while also putting up book pages throughout the common so that folks can read a children's book as they walk. Massive PR success, with many folks saying they'd never seen such a thing, and being blown away at the idea of getting free books for their children. Books that would otherwise gather dust get a good home, we support literacy in the community, everybody wins.

Book Sale – went very well! It was a very effective idea to extend for an additional week, and having the "buy a bag" available meant we were able to clear out a large number of mass market paperbacks that would otherwise have gathered dust. Backroom has about 1/3rd of the books it used to, and is navigable again. Made about \$400 total, so overall an excellent event.

Feeding Fredonia Challenge – participating along with many other small businesses in town. Runs October 9-21 by the Fredonia Food Pantry of the Fredonia Presbyterian Church.

Friends – met with the Friends on Saturday 10/15. Their annual meeting is Saturday November 12th at 10 am. They agreed to purchase for us many items that were on our wish list, for which we thank them!

Stats:

Overdrive: Still #3 in the system for September, with 854 checkouts. 230 unique users, tying us with CCLS as a system, and just under Olean and Jamestown. We also added 15 new users

Circ: 1406 total checkouts, including 531 adult books, 435 juvenile books, and 107 magazines

Attendance:

Children:

Storytime: 4 sessions, 6 kids 7 adults

Lego Master Builders: 4 sessions, 13 kids, 7 adults

300 Fliers distributed to Fredonia CSD for September's library card sign up month

Adults:

Writing workshop: 4 sessions, 35 attendees total

Computer tutoring:

3 individual sessions

Social Media 101: 2 attendees

Ancestry Library Edition: 2 attendees

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Curator's Report

Exhibits

- Outdoor pop-up table displays about the Victorian-era mourning customs and various “haunted” locations around Pomfret will be highlighted; and a temporary halloween exhibit about funeral practices from the early 1900s is being installed in conjunction with the Harvest Festival on October 21st and 22nd.

Collections Management

- Archives intern Erin has finished cataloging several sections of the village documents, including the police and fire records. This project is anticipated to be completed by December 20th.

Programs

- “Frights at the Museum” program is set to take place on Oct. 22nd from 6-7:30.
- Christmas Caroling to be sponsored by the museum on Dec. 17th at 4:30 (just before sunset at 4:45); carol for an hour, return about 5:45 for cider, hot cocoa, cookies. Several organizations to be approached for caroling, including the Methodist, Episcopal, and Unitarian churches, as well as Boys and Girls Club.

Outreach

- An Erie PA-based PBS station, WQLN, requested images of Fredonia during the early 1800s when someone named Asa Battles lived here, when it was still called Canadaway. They requested and were granted the use of images for use in an episode of Chronicles, which discusses prohibition, airing on TV on Thursday Oct 20th at 8pm.

Fundraising

- Recognition for the help of the Finance Committee in taking steps to bolster the endowments by sending out appeal letters.

- The Friends of the Library has granted us \$300 for refreshments for upcoming programs including for Dr. Thomas Reigstad's January 28th lecture on Mark Twain, as well as the Christmas Caroling program in December.