

Darwin R. Barker Library & Museum Association

Board Meeting Agenda

May 17, 2023 4pm

Agenda:

Review of Minutes:

Correspondence:

Treasurer Report: Kitty Crow

Librarian Report: Graham Tedesco-Blair

Curator Report: Max Walters

Town Representative: Chris Schaeffer

Village Representative: Michelle Twichell

Old Business: updates on work party, picnic update, fundraising meeting, duct cleaning, offsite storage

New Business: WCA Inventory Sale

Calendar:

Adjourn:

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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2023

Present: Jeff Adams, Kathy Petersen, Max Walters, Graham Tedesco-Blair, Linda Prechtel, Mark Twichell, Kitty Crow, Jon Weekly, Pat Stokes, David Dengler

Absent: David Tiffany

Village Representative: Michelle Twichell

Town Representative: Chris Schaeffer

Correspondence: Max rec'd a letter from Delafield WI in reference to a song pertaining to Alonzo Cushing

Treasurer Report: library & museum on budget so far, checking accounts solid, Max & Graham to work on budget projections

Linda moves to accept, Kathy 2nds, passed

Librarian Report: written plus Graham is interviewing replacements for D'Arsie. Duct cleaning quote rec'd for \$3130. Jeff requests 3D printer protocol & use policy. Mike Jones has installed new server banks & improved wifi. Kathy moves, Jon 2nds, passed

Curator Report: written plus Max discussed possible grant sources which the acquisition fund list will help locate. Dave moves, Linda 2nds, passed

Town Report: Chris reports town is still looking for new building

Village Report: Michelle: Scott Marsh will talk to Jeff to set up village workers for cleanup help. Michelle has asked village for more money for DRB – we will need to prove need with more information

Old Business: Jeff & Scott toured exterior of building – Scott will supply 2 helpers (to be scheduled). Mark asks for reimbursement for supplies – Graham will pay.

New Business: Association picnic plans: Dave will reserve pavilion for Aug. 8, possibly all catered? Board member training – possible fund-raising training through CSOD. Graham will email more info on

requirements. Mark asks board to arrange removal of items stored at 85 W. Main.

Calendar: next meeting May 17, 4pm

Adjournment: Jon moves, Linda 2nds adjourned at 5:10pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathy Petersen, sec'y

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Librarian's Report

New Clerk – Garret Johnson, formally of The Resource Center, has joined our team, and has already proven to be a quick study and fine asset.

Drinking Fountain – repaired by Gugino, and functioning properly again. Big thanks to the Friends for helping to fund this repair!

Estimate for connecting library and museum internet – walkthrough with Mike Jones has been done, waiting on numbers.

Art Exhibit & Reception – now exhibiting ceramic sculptures from SUNY Fredonia students. Reception held on May 6th, and was very well attended.

Fredonia Reads! @ Barker Commons – On the Village agenda for approval on May 30th

Dates and times will be:

- 6/3 - 11-1
- 6/13 - 4-6
- 6/28 - 12-2
- 7/1 11-1
- 7/18 – 4-6
- 8/2 – 12-2
- 8/5 – 11-1
- 8/16 – 12-2

Give Big CHQ – June 8th this year, went to informational session on 4/20. Large, one day fundraising event. More info to come.

Duct Cleaning – rescheduled due to broken equipment, waiting to hear back on date/time.

Carpet Cleaning – VerHague will be in to do estimate for library/museum, will updated when estimate is ready.

Programming Stats:

Storytime: 8 Sessions, 50 kids 35 adults

Master Builders: 2 sessions, 7 kids, 4 adults

Girl Scout's Earth Day program: 9 kids, 9 adults

Children's Room Mailbox: 33 participants

Individual Computer Tutoring: 9 participants

Computer Classes: 2 sessions, 4 participants

Creating Writing Workshop 4/4: 3 attendees

Book Talk 4/1: 5 attendees

Book Talk 4/15: 26 attendees

Book Club: 7 attendees

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Curator's Report

Acquisition

- Barker museum to receive artifacts from the Barker Hose Co., as well as archives from the Opera House.
- On May 9th we received a seed box from the Risley Co, which makes this one of our earliest items from the seed packet industry.

Outreach

- Lafayette marker update: Funded by Pomroy, the sign that will commemorate Lafayette's visit to Fredonia in 1825 will be placed on the Barker's grounds facing the Commons. Ceremony to take place June 4th.
- Barker's request to join the Underground Railroad Consortium membership committee has been reviewed and accepted.
 - The UGRR Consortium manages a heritage trail along the Harriet Tubman corridor made up of museums and historic buildings associated with the underground railroad. The Barker museum qualifies due to our association with the Pettit family and the Sketches of the Underground Railroad book written and published in Fredonia. Membership allows access to cooperative marketing, programming, and inclusion on the organization's member maps and heritage trail.
- Microfilm update: All microfilm newspapers are now digitized on Fultonhistory.com and original copies have been returned to the museum's collection. Some lingering issues remain with file name

standardization and possible solutions are being explored with the site's manager. In addition, both microfilm readers have been repaired and are operational.

- Grape Belt Archive update: Over 400 items from the GBA have now been cataloged in preparation for their inclusion on the Omeka online database later this year.