

Darwin R. Barker Library & Museum Association

Board Meeting Agenda

Aug. 16, 2023 4:00 PM

Agenda:

Review of Minutes:

Correspondence:

Treasurer Report:

Librarian Report: Graham Tedesco-Blair

Curator Report: Max Walters

Town Representative: Chris Schaeffer

Village Representative: Michelle Twichell

Old Business: updates on fundraising team & picnic summary

New Business: Lawn care status

Calendar:

Adjourn:

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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2023

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

Absent: Kitty Crow

Town Representative: absent

Village Representative: Michelle Twichell

Review of Minutes: Dave D moves to accept, Dave T 2nds, passed

Correspondence: none

Treasurer Report: Courier & Wilmington both report positive returns. Graham reports that M&T had a breach & our debit card was hacked. This has been fixed. Jeff requests that Graham & Max review accounts weekly. Mark moves to accept, Kathy 2nds, passed

Librarian Report: Graham reviews written report. Jeff requests spreadsheet for stats. Mark moves, Pat 2nds, passed. 5% SEP IRA contributions proposed, Kathy moves, Dave T 2nds, passed.

Curator Report: written report reviewed by Max. Jeff will help with Grape Belt research. Jon moves, Linda 2nds, passed

Village Representative: Michelle gave Max Embrace Fredonia contact info for flower thanks. \$25 deposit paid for R Joy Park bathroom use. Jeff has rec'd NO response from village officials to his letter.

Old Business: Picnic: long-time employees & volunteers will be recognized. Jeff & Graham will do shopping, & Cate will deliver food.

Painting: Jeff & Mark worked more on back of bldg. scraping & painting. WCA sale: Aug 11, 12, & 13, 9-4, volunteers needed. Fundraising: Dave T is continuing grant research. Mark: some lg tables still at W Main.

New Business: Jeff has spoken with Kitty: she will have an increased workload at County & will be unable to attend board meetings. She is still

willing to do treasurer reports, etc., for us. Board approves keeping her as a trustee.

Calendar: next meeting Aug. 16, 4pm

Adjourn: Linda moves, Dave T 2nds, passed 5:10pm

Minutes submitted by Kathy Petersen, sec'y.

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Librarian's Report

Summer Programming – We had wonderful visits from the Erie Zoo, the Niagara Aquarium, and the Buffalo Museum of Science

Reading in the Park – We've continued our lovely reading in the park program, which has been very popular especially with the great weather we've been having

Book Giveaway – Our book giveaway on Saturday July 8th was as popular as it is every year, especially with the farmer's market right across the street. We gave away tons of children's books, and a great time was had by all attendees

CCLS Road Trip – The second annual road trip has seen many visitors from all across the two counties drop by to check us out. People love our doll house and fountain, and we've gotten many compliments about how peaceful and wonderful the facility is. Our sweepstakes giveaway has also been very popular, and we will do our drawings on September 1st.

Backpack Giveaway – Our annual back to school backpack giveaway has begun, with the front display case showcasing the prizes. Many thanks to Carey for arranging it, and to the Friends for sponsoring!

Memory Jars – We've got a display of jars from our memory jar program, which was very popular with both the kids and adults. Check it out over by the fountain in the display case!

Stats

1892 total items circulated in July 2023, including 662 adult books, 321 DVDs, 530 Juvenile books. This is down slightly from July of 2022, which had 2167 total circs for month of July, including 867 adult books, and 788 juvenile books.

Attendance

Storytime Sessions (pre-K – 2nd grade): 7

113 Kids, 64 Adults

Programming Sessions (3rd – 8th grade): 3

29 kids

Lego Master Builders: 1 session

3 kids, 1 adult

Summer Programming:

7/8 Book Giveaway: 82 attendees

7/14 Buffalo Museum of Science: 16 kids, 9 adults

7/21 Niagara Aquarium: 11 kids, 8 adults

7/22 Story Walk: 14 kids, 14 adults

7/28 Erie Zoo: 22 kids, 9 adults

Young Adult Programs: 2 sessions, 8 attendees

7/18 Creative Writing Workshop: 5 attendees

Read @ Barker Commons: 2 sessions, 12 attendees

Computer Tutorials

Individual sessions: 11 attendees

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Curator's Report

Outreach

- Our new book, "The Fair Chambered Corridor: Explorations of the History of Fredonia, NY" is an edited collection of articles written over the course of three decades by historian and former researcher Doug Shepard. The book has been published and ordered, printed copies of which will arrive August 22-24. Paperback copies will be sold at the book launch on Sept 16, after which they will be sold both online and at the museum.
- Fredonia Recreation Department visits resulted in visits by 41 students who engaged with our educational program on printing. Using movable type, they printed name tags for themselves and had a 30-minute tour of the exhibits.

Building Maintenance

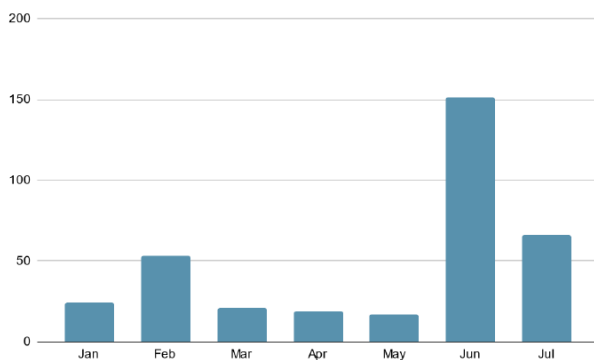
- A/C for the galleries and Steele Room has died. Repair is not feasible, as the unit was about 30 years old; new unit quoted at \$6,200. Temperature has not exceeded 77°, and humidity is still controlled at 50% RH. A/C for storage rooms upstairs is still functional.

Collections

- All items brought to the WCA estate sale were sold; the proceeds will benefit the Barker.

July Statistics

- Visitation in July: 66



Visitation by month, 2023.