

Darwin R. Barker Library & Museum Association

Board of Trustees Meeting

June 18th, 2025

Agenda:

Public Comments:

Correspondence:

Review of Minutes:

Treasurer Report: Mark Twichell

Town Representative: Chris Schaeffer

Village Representative: Michelle Twichell

Librarian Report: Graham Tedesco-Blair

Archivist Report: Catherine Oag-Miller

Curator Report: Max Walters

Old Business: 259 meeting update

New Business:

Calendar:

Adjournment:

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Board of Trustees Minutes

May 21, 2025

Present: Graham Tedesco-Blair, Max Walters, Catherine Oag-Miller, Kathy Petersen, Jon Weekly, Mark Twichell, Mandi Shepp, Linda Prechtl, Kitty Crow, Dave Dengler, Rory Merwin, Bird Padgett

Absent: Margaret Gray, Diane Hannum

Village Representative: Michelle Twichell

Town Representative: Mike Lee

Public Comments: none

Correspondence: A thank you letter was received from Aspire's I Express program for supporting their art show in the library

Minutes: Dave moves to accept, Jon 2nds, accepted

Treasurer Report: Checking account amount is down due to the movement of gifts to endowments. Morris Miller account is static. Income appears to be down: Mark will check with Amy at BLB. The village & town amounts are OK.

Town Representative: Mike reports that that Pomfret is still working on building move – estimates one year until completion.

Village Representative: Michelle reports that a resolution will be made for PortaPotty use for Lafayette event. The cable board will be filming the events.

Librarian Report: written report is reviewed by Graham & accepted

Archivist Report: written report is reviewed by Catherine & accepted

Curator Report: written report is reviewed by Max & accepted

Old Business: 259: PR audit, community surveys are advised. Contact local clubs, political reps, business people, FCD Superintendent & John Forbes, estimates for tax cost per thousand. Perhaps have separate vote at the library? Next 259 meeting in early June.

New Business: none

Calendar: June 18, 4pm

Adjourn: Kathy moves, Mark 2nds

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathy Petersen, sec'y.

## Library Report

6/18/25

Roof – still waiting to hear from village attorney; getting quote from Jamestown roofing for repairs and replacement. Also looking into building grants to fund

Sinks – getting quote from Gugino about either hardwiring in sinks, or replacing them with traditional controls

259 – Meeting reschedule due to illness

Give Big CHQ – on the 12th

### May 2025 Programming Stats

#### CHILDREN

Storytime Sessions: 7

Storytime Attendance

Kids 45

Adults 27

5/9 ABCD visit

Kids 6

Adults 3

#### ADULT

Mah Jongg

3 sessions

11 attendees

5/8 Art Reception

59 attendees

Computer programs

5/8 Needle Felting

10 attendees

Individual tutoring: 1 participant

## Archivist's Report

06/11/2025

### Collections

- 24 items were catalogued into Past Perfect and 54 were assigned home locations
- Arrangement of the Village Papers Collection is complete, totaling 10 Bankers Boxes of records.
- The inventory of archival records in the Mintun Room is ongoing.

### Exhibits

- Belden exhibit updates are complete, with updates to the Native American exhibit space and a new display on American Folk Art.
- Catered the preview night for the Lafayette exhibit and designed additional promotional materials to be distributed throughout the Bicentennial Celebration.

## Curator's Report

6/18/25

### Exhibits

- The new exhibit opened May 30-31st, "Night Scene at Fredonia"—Hosting the Marquis de Lafayette in June 1825.

Outreach: Lafayette Bicentennial Jubilee events, May 30-June 5:

- Exhibit Opening Preview, May 30: Attendance 48
- Lafayette exhibit public opening, May 31: Attendance 57
- "Tea With the Marquis" at Grange #1, June 1: Attendance 57
- Lafayette Jubilee reenactment in Barker Commons, June 3: Attendance 390 (estimate)
- Lafayette Contra Dance at Grange #1, June 4: Attendance 30
- Georges Washington Lafayette Lecture, June 5: Attendance 30
- Total of all Lafayette Bicentennial event: 612

Art Trail Collaboration: Barker provided high quality art prints and information sheets about various historically significant trees (Fenner House, White Inn, Post Office, etc.) which local woodworker Wally Latimer salvaged wood from and frames out of. On Art Trail weekend, May 26-27, sales totaled \$525 for the museum.

### Monthly Statistics

- Visitation in May: 135 (Galleries closed May 4-30th)
- Cataloging update: 200 objects cataloged in PastPerfect in May.
- Volunteer hours in May: 126