

Darwin R. Barker Library & Museum Association

Board of Trustees Agenda

April 17, 2024

Agenda:

Review of Minutes:

Correspondence:

Treasurer Report: Kitty Crow

Town Representative: Chris Schaeffer

Village Representative: Michelle Twichell

Librarian Report: Graham Tedesco-Blair

Archivist Report: Catherine Oag-Miller

Curator Report: Max Walters

Old Business: Finance Committee update

New Business: Spring work party

Calendar:

Adjournment:

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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2024

Members Present: Graham Tedesco-Blair, Max Walters, Catherine Oag-Miller, Mark Twichell, Kitty Crow, Linda Prechtel, Margaret Gray, Jon Weekly, David Dengler, Kathy Petersen, Jeff Adams

Absent: Pat Stokes

Village Representative: Michelle Twichell

Town Representative: absent

Note from President: Jeff clarifies Roberts Rules : we will observe rules on page provided by Graham

Review of Minutes: correction to roof repair reference, accepted

Treasurer Report: Kitty will meet with Amy to further tweak report format. Credit cards are set up & debit cards discarded. Dave asks why the checking acct. balance dropped: money was moved to savings.

Librarian Report: Graham reviews written report

Archivist Report: Catherine reviews written report

Curator Report: Max reviews written report.

A large was collection was donated by Jeff

Censor Exhibit: corrected open house hours 1-7pm. John D'Agostino is now involved with planning, & may present talk on newspaper publishing.

Village Representative: Michelle reports that Mayor's proposed budget includes no increases in DRB funding. Graham will attend Village Trustees meeting to plead for more.

Town Representative: absent

Old Business: Tom Hawk will repair roof leak. Max is authorized to order new museum AC units ASAP.

New Business: Trustee packet must be emailed to board one week prior to meeting date per Trustee Handbook. Members may question or add via Graham.

Board meetings open to public? The Chair has approval.

Finance: Jeff & Graham will meet with Rick Johnson to discuss new large gifts & their possible uses

April 8 – DRB will close for solar eclipse

Calendar: April 17, 4pm

Adjourn: 5:10 pm

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Petersen, sec'y.

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Library Report

Art Opening – Jackie Damore’s paintings of birds are on display for the month of April! A reception was held on 3/21, which had 20 attendees

Tree ID workshop – Elizabeth ran another session of her very popular tree identification workshop on 3/30. 6 Attendees. A follow up on identifying conifers is being held on 4/13.

Farmer Mike’s Bunnies in Baskets – on 4/5 we had our old friend Farmer Mike in to show off a variety of rabbits. The sign up was almost immediately full, with folks waiting for cancellations.

Computer classes – Libbey’s popular computer classes this month were on Organizing your Email and Learning Libby (the eBook and audiobook app). She also had many individual training sessions, which were well received and complimented.

Black Out Poetry – April is National Poetry Month, and Garrett is organizing a Black Out Poetry event to celebrate. The way this works is, one takes a page from a pre-existing book and uses a black marker to cross out much of the text, leaving only certain words and phrases uncovered to create a new poem.

Give Big CHQ – webinar on 4/16 to prep for the event on June 13, 2024.

Donation Box at circ desk: \$50

Visitors – 3199 in 2024 vs 2783 in 2023 and 1451 in 2022

March 2024 Programming Stats

CHILDREN

Storytime Sessions: 8

Storytime Attendance

Kids 41

Adults 24

ABCD visit 3/22

Kids 7

Adults 2

Master Builders

Sessions: 2

Attendance: Kids 2

Adults 2

ADULTS

Art Reception 3/7

40 attendees

Art Reception 3/21

20 attendees

Tree Workshop 3/30

6 attendees

Computer programs

Training: 1 session, 2 attendees

Individual tutoring: 9 participants

Ukulele Lessons

Sessions: 1

7 Attendees

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Archivist's Report

Grape Belt Digital Collection

- Items Catalogued = 728
- Items Online = 284

Collections

- Digitization initiative is well underway, both the Mario Serio Collection and a host of secondary sources are being scanned by volunteers.

Home Locations

- 153 new archival accessions were cataloged into Past Perfect and housed in their respective collections.

Website

- Donation link now working!

Outreach

- On May 4th I will be giving a brief presentation on the Holland Land Company at the Leon Historical Society.

A Day in the Life of Fredonia: Eclipse Experiences

- The public was invited to participate in this activity, with responses being collected until the 22nd of April. We are accepting written and photographic accounts of the total solar eclipse in digital and physical formats. This is an exciting opportunity to contribute to the museum's collections as history is happening, and I hope to make this a reoccurring series going forward.

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Curator's Report

Collections

- Recent acquisitions include a collection of glass bottles and jars, books, documents, labels, maps and newspaper clippings, many of which relate to the agricultural history of the county, and of the Fredonia grape industry in particular. 137 items cataloged so far.

Exhibits

- *Fredonia UnCensored: The History of the Local Press* to open Saturday, April 27 with an open house from 1-7PM
 - Special Members Only opening to be held April 26.
- The Observer will send a reporter to cover the exhibit and advertise its opening.

Programs

- Dr. Mirosława Wielopolska-Szymura, the Fulbright Scholar in Residence at SUNY lectured to an audience of 22 on 3/23.

Outreach

- Consider joining the Chautauqua County C.o.C. during their membership drive April 27, which would allow Barker to advertise via pamphlet in kiosks around the county including at the information center in Jamestown.

Annual & Monthly Statistics

- Visitation in March: 42

Visitation

