

Darwin R. Barker Library & Museum Association

Board of Trustees Agenda

September 18, 2024 4pm

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: Handbook update

Gens fund spending plan update

New Business: Librarian staffing

Board insurance

Board Officer Election

Calendar:

Adjournment:

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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Aug. 21, 2024

Present: Jeff Adams, Kathy Petersen, Graham Tedesco-Blair, Max Walters, Catherine Oag-Miller, Jon Weekly, Linda Prechtel, Pat Stokes, Margaret Gray,

Dave Dengler

Absent: Kitty Crow, Mark Twichell

Village Representative: absent

Town Representative: Chris Schaeffer

Review of Minutes: accepted

Correspondence: none

Treasurer Report: library staff expense (wages) up \$8000

Town Representative: Chris asks for our budget proposal to be submitted for October. The town is in talks relating to a new building.

Village: absent

Librarian Report: Graham reviews written report, accepted

Archivist: Catherine reviews written report, accepted. Jeff proposes Bird & Libby to full time (35 hrs) to share with the museum

Curator: Max reviews written report, accepted. Possible part time summer help for education?

Old Business: 46 people attended the picnic. Employee handbook update: re-work table of contents to jive with text. Jeff questions paid lunch language (to be continued).

New Business: * Start budget work in September

*Jan Dekoff could do trustee training – will schedule

*Long-range planning – need to train backup person in case of Graham's absence.

*Need to plan for acquisition of Pomfret building

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Library Report

Libbey Locke – it is with a mixture of pride and sadness that I announce that Libbey has taken a full-time position as a school library media specialist with the Forestville CSD. As she moves forward in her career, her absence will be keenly felt. During her years at Barker, we have seen massive changes, and she's been a major part of that. With her computer classes, her attention to detail and accuracy, and her deep knowledge of policy and best practices, she will be dearly missed.

Children's Room Carpet – measurements taken by Pucci's, waiting on quote

Board of Trustees Director and Officer's Insurance – paperwork is submitted, waiting on quote.

Mudslingers Pottery Studio – Featuring pottery from Ron Nasca's students at the studio, the exhibit will run until October 30th. There were 46 attendees at the reception.

Book Sale – Our annual book sale is coming up, and will run from September 23 through September 28th.

Mahjongg Class – coming up on Thursdays in November and December. Students will learn the basics of the game, as well as strategy, so we can start a Mahjongg club.

Lafayette Meeting – on track for next June, working establishing a budget and solidifying plans. Many thanks to Kay, Catherine, Max, Gail, and Brenda for their assistance!

CCLS Annual Meeting – Coming up on October 9th, Carey, Max, Catherine, and myself will be attending. Features sessions on the CCLS Memory Lab, Fundraising, and Successful Library Programs.

Door Count: 3206 in 2024 vs. 2851 in 2023 and 2848 in 2022

August 2024 Programming Stats

CHILDREN

Storytime Sessions: 3

Storytime Attendance

Kids 32

Adults 15

Children's Room

60 Summer Programming
Journals given out

23 Star Readers

7 Buckets of Junk created and
displayed

Children's Events

8/2 Dr Seuss

Kids 25

Adults 13

8/9 ArtMobile

Kids 20

Adults 8

8/23 Movie at Farm Festival

Kids 61

Adults 53

8/26 Transition Jamboree

Kids 46

Adults 35

7 Kindergarten
Readiness packets given away

26 drawing
participants

Computer programs

Individual tutoring: 14
participants

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Archives Report

Grape Belt:

- Catalogued 742
- Online: 342

Collections:

- The McAllister Collection has been processed; the finding aid will be available online by the end of the month
- Work continues on the Canadaway Creek Anthropology Project Collection and Village Papers

Exhibits:

- Interviewed Coach Mark Fitzgerald, former FHS track and field coach
- Site visit to the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame, they are very enthusiastic to collaborate on the upcoming exhibit

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Curator's Report

Programs

- John D'Agostino, editor of the Dunkirk Observer, Jamestown Post-Journal, and the Warren Times Observer gave a talk on 8/17 about his experiences as a local editor and reflected on the careers of his precursors, including those whose lives are examined in the current exhibit, Fredonia UnCensored: The History of the Local Press. Attendance: 17.
- Hanover Historian Vince Martonis spoke at Barker on 8/27 to discuss his new books about local 19th century potters and display ceramic objects and fragments, including the most locally relevant, The Haven & Kenyon Redware Pottery of Sheridan. Attendance: 21.
- Barker hosted *Planting Progress: The Risley family in Agriculture and Abolitionism*, a family reunion sponsored by the Risley Family Association on 8/16. All artifacts related to the family were pulled from storage and displayed. Attendance: 30.

Outreach

- Fredonia Farmers Markets have been tabled by Barker staff and volunteers. In August there were 115 engagements at the Barker's table.
- The Main St sign has been removed as of Sept. 7th for repainting. Scheduled to be replaced by Sept. 29.

Monthly Statistics

- Visitation in August (Museum only): 112
- Visitation to outreach events (Farmers Market): 115
- Volunteer hours in August: 113

