

Darwin R. Barker Library & Museum Association

Board of Trustees Meeting

March 19th, 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:

New Business: Update on Town of Pomfret building

Calendar:

Adjournment:

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Present: Max Walters, Mark Twichell, Catherine Oag-Miller, Jon Weekly, Kathy Petersen, Kitty Crow, Graham Tedesco-Blair, Mandi Shepp, Dave Dengler, Margaret Gray

Absent: Linda Prechtl

Village Representative: Michelle Twichell

Town Representative: absent

Guest: Diane Hannum

Public Comments: none

Correspondence: none

Minutes: Mark moves to accept, Mandi 2nds, approved

Treasurer Report: Mark thanks Max & Graham for attending village board meeting. The gas bill is up, but expenses are still under budget.

Town Representative: absent

Village Representative: Michelle thanks Max & Graham for speaking at village board meeting. The Village Charter requires support for library & maintenance of the library building. Mayor Ferguson supports DRB.

Librarian Report: Graham reviews written report, it is accepted

Archivist Report: Catherine reviews written report, it is accepted

Curator Report: Max reviews written report, it is accepted. Kitty asks how the museum weeds collection & Catherine explains process. Kitty offers to help Max with county publicity for Lafayette event.

Old Business: Darren Paschke & Tom Donovan are both still too busy to join board at this time. Diane Hannum is introduced. Kathy moves, Mark 2nds, Diane is elected to fill remainder of Pat Stokes' term.

New Business: Mark & Graham report on the village board meeting. We might be able to be added to the school tax for additional financial support. Jan Dekoff will attend our April meeting to explain the process: questions for her may be sent to Graham for forwarding. We do receive support from the village & town, but much less than previously.

Calendar: next meeting March 19, 4:00pm

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Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathy Petersen, sec'y

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Library Report

Kids Take Over the Library – Our annual kids take over the library was a smash success. Twenty participants this year. Our thanks to Carey for coordinating, and all the clerks who helped make it possible.

Friends Mah Jongg contributions – We want to thank the Friends for reimbursing the purchase of two sets of Mah Jongg tiles and another card table, allowing our popular program to accommodate ever more players!

Winter Seed Sowing Workshop – Bird taught a class how to properly prepare and plant seeds during the winter season, so they'll blossom beautifully and fruitfully in the spring and summer. Our thanks to her for another excellent program!

February 2025 Programming Stats

CHILDREN

Attendees 20

Storytime Sessions: 7

ADULT

Storytime Attendance

2/8 Book Club

Kids 62

10 attendees

Adults 43

2/15 Seed Sowing

2/14 ABCD visit

8 attendees

Kids 9

Mah Jongg

Adults 2

4 sessions

Sweater Bulletin Board

19 attendees

8 participants

Computer programs

YOUNG ADULT

Individual tutoring: 4

2/17 Kids Takeover

participants

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Archivist's Report

03/12/2025

Collections

- 199 items were catalogued into Past Perfect and 118 assigned home locations
- The Dr. J.T. Williams Collection has been processed, and the finding aid is now available online. The container list for our Fredonia Seed Co. Packet Collection is also now available online.
- The Fredonia Censor microfilm reels have been received by the Northern New York Library Network and have been marked high priority.
- Work on the Porter Family and Village Papers Collection is ongoing.

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Curator's Report

Exhibits

- "Pink the Rink" hockey display has been installed by intern Krystyna K., using items loaned from SUNY Hockey.
- SUNY Athletic Director Angela Pucciarelli Rice has given the museum 41 objects on loan for the sports exhibit, including an album detailing the activities of the women's sports teams in the 1950s.
- Continuing preparation for Lafayette in Fredonia (May 31st-January 10, 2026) exhibition.

Outreach

Lafayette Bicentennial Jubilee:

- NCCF Community Grants letter of interest was received and we were invited to submit a full application. Total amount requested is \$2,260.
- Planning committee had meetings on Feb. 12 and March 5th to finalize the budget and continue planning specifics on events.
- Next step is submitting the proposal for use of the carriage, vendors, and use of gazebo in Barker Commons to the Village Trustees by April 1.

Monthly Statistics

- Visitation in February: 21
- Cataloging update: 807 objects cataloged in PastPerfect in February.
- Volunteer hours in January: 76

Visitation

