

Canajoharie Library and Art Gallery – Arkell Museum

Meeting of the Trustees – March 8, 2023

Attending: Charles Tallent, Debbie Limoncelli, Erin Salie, Alan Brust, Chris Duncan, Nathan Fenno, Wally Hart, Sue Friedlander, and Maria Cancro. Roberta Rocas joined by zoom.

Call to order: Charles Tallent called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

The minutes of the January 2023 meeting were presented and approved on a motion by Alan Brust and Debbie Limoncelli, with all in favor.

A quorum was not held at the February meeting so no minutes were accepted.

The financial reports were presented, Chuck noted the balance of the portfolio is stable even though the market has been erratic. First quarter distribution from the Arkell Hall Foundation is expected in April.

Sue noted the NYSCA grants (4 in total) were received in previous months. 1) \$49,500 specific to exhibit/collection and marketing support, and public programs (specifically to fund performers/presenters), 2) \$10,000- health and safety needs to get people back safely 3) \$10,000, design of new-initiative marketing materials 4) \$10,000 –printing/purchase of the new-initiative marketing materials. (new rack card is here) The balance sheets and profit and loss statements were reviewed. The reports were accepted on a motion by Erin Salie and Wally Hart with all in favor.

The directors' reports were presented – Museum Galleries opened for the season Sunday March 5 (one day late due to snow storm); Regional Art Galleries opened Friday March 3, and Exhibits have been well received so far. Eight outdated public and staff computers and software were replaced with new upgrades and are working very well. Patrons are very happy with the new equipment. Lego competition was very successful. Good social media stories.

Saturday, March 11, the gallery, library and museum will be open at 10 am hosting the Nellis Tavern fundraiser/antique fair. Nellis Tavern is renting the great hall space for the antique fair. We are open throughout the day.

B & G report: Alan signed off on an Eagle Scout project - new signs for the two main driveway entrances. The signs will help direct patrons and guests on how to enter the building which has several entrances and walkways.

New Business –The annual report of the Library was presented by Maria and the report was approved on a motion by Nathan Fenno and Chuck Tallent and all present voted in favor.

Old Business – Meeting space policy revision was presented and reviewed. The policy was approved on a motion by Alan Brust and Chris Duncan with all members present in favor.

The next meeting date is Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 6:00pm

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Debbie Limoncelli.

Respectfully submitted,

Wally Hart, Secretary