

Canajoharie Library and Arkell Museum

Minutes of July 14, 2021

Present: Phyllis Lapi, Nathan Fenno, Dusty Putnam, Debbie Limoncelli (via zoom), Sheryl Neal, Mark Davidson, Alan Brust

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm

Financial Report.: It was commented that the investment summary looks good. Nathan moved to accept the financial report, Mark seconded the motion.

Executive Director Report: Susan said all Trustees are registered for NYCON Camp Finance unless they specifically ask not to be.

The Erie Canal cyclists are coming to Canajoharie again and all activities will be held at the school. No idea what to expect.

Librarian Report: There was animated discussion about Schoharie Library's firing of its Library director, Don LaPlant. The Schoharie Library has "gone rogue" and is not communicating with MVLS nor abiding by MVLS's system.

Summer reading program has 21 registered readers on the program.

Cheyenne Aney was hired as Front Desk Clerk and is fitting in well.

There was a brief discussion on resuming craft activities at the library

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds: The committee reported they had a fruitful meeting after last month's Board meeting. The Board is exploring the current generator capacity – currently if there is a power outage only the emergency lighting and security system would activate. Need to look into a bigger generator with more capacity.

There was a discussion on the pump which is on the back loading bay. It is too big and too heavy for use. We will be exploring a lightweight pump to be installed on a concrete pad.

We have a quote from a local painter to scrape and paint window trim and fascia. \$3,250 if no lead is encountered, \$6,500 if they discover lead paint.

We also received a quote to repoint and caulk the front steps...\$900-1100.

An overhanging tree was trimmed so that signage is visible but it has been suggested that we move the sign.

The skylights have been examined and it was determined that the glass is not original to construction of the building. They are structurally sound and replacing them//addressing them is not an emergency.

Received a comprehensive water mitigation report from Lupini Construction, Inc. More testing is required and Alan made a motion to proceed with Lupini construction. Nathan seconded the motion.

The neighboring /adjoining church property is overgrown and there have been incidences of vandalism. The section in question belongs to Arkell so Arkell bears the responsibility for cleaning up/thinning out overgrown brush.

Debbie Limoncelli went on record suggesting we get an engineering study performed by the end of the year to assess and determine an informed timeframe and cost for what projects need addressing

Finance Committee The Finance Committee did not meet due to everyone's summer schedules

Fundraising The committee needs to meet

Old Business. There was no Old Business

Next meeting August 11, 2021

Motion by Debby to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sheryl.