

Canajoharie Library and Arkell Museum

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 6:00pm

Attending: Phyllis Lapi, Sheryl Neal, Debby Limoncelli, Alan Brust, Nathan Fenno, Mark Davidson, Wally Hart, Chris Duncan, and Maria Cancro Sue Friedlander and guest Michael Stein.

Phyllis Lapi called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Michael Stein of Constellation Advancement spoke to the board about fundraising opportunities for organizations like ours. Building a major gifts oriented culture for the organization as a theme. Operating revenues almost never cover expenses so fundraising is necessary for many organizations. Michael shared many concrete ideas and theories used in the fundraising field and is willing to share further with us if we are interested.

Meeting Minutes - Minutes of the January 2022 board meeting were presented as well as the 2022 annual meeting minutes. It was noted in the annual meeting minutes that a date noted in the financial review section of the minutes should be adjusted to state that the portfolio balance presented was for 12/31/2021 not 2022 as presented. On a motion by Alan Brust and seconded by Mark Davidson, both meeting minutes were accepted with the correction for the annual meeting minutes and approved by all present.

Financial reports were presented and reviewed. Nathan and Mark had no concerns since we only had one month of information. Debby Limoncelli and Mark Davidson made a motion to accept the reports with all in favor.

Executive Directors report - was presented and no questions were asked of the report.

Director of the Library - Maria gave an update on her report - noting the need for a long-range plan for the library - in the five-year range. Setting goals, and a clear mission of what we are trying to achieve at the library would be part of the outline. Maria would like to have the plan in place by June/July 2022. Maria and Sue will put together an outline of a plan and bring together a small committee from the board to complete and present for approval.

Committees – Phyllis appointed the following members to the following committees for 2022. Phyllis will serve as a a member of all committees as needed.

Executive Committee

Phyllis Lapi, Roberta Rocas, Nathan Fenno, Wally Hart

Finance Committee

Nathan Fenno, Mark Davidson, Roberta Rocas

Board Development

Mark Davidson, Wally Hart, Dusty Putnam

Buildings and Grounds

Alan Brust, Mark Davidson, Sheryl Neal

Collections

Chris Duncan, Phyllis Lapi, Sheryl Neal

Fundraising / Development

Roberta Rocas, Dusty Putnam, Chris Duncan

Strategic Planning & Minimum Standards

Chuck Tallent, Alan Brust, Debby Limoncelli

Personnel

Wally Hart, Nathan Fenno, Debby Limoncelli

Collections Committee – the committee made a recommendation that we approve a loan of a Still Life painting by Luigi Lucioni. This painting has been recently conserved and restored and is in wonderful condition. Upon Sue's recommendation, the committee agrees that a loan of this painting to the Shelburne Museum in Vermont for display from June 25, 2022 to October 16, 2022 and to be included in the exhibit catalog should be approved.

On a motion by Sheryl Neal and Alan Brust, the loan was approved, with all in favor.

Sue noted that the conservation of the Lucioni-still life was endowed by Sheryl Neal. The board expressed gratitude for Sheryl's generous gift.

Sue noted she received a request from a possible donor to name the reading room in the library in memory of his wife. Sue will continue to discuss with the donor options and may speak with the Fundraising/Development committee on parameters of donations for naming opportunities. We have previously had naming opportunities for the galleries.

The next meeting of the board will be on March 9, 2022 and may be in person as state restrictions for gatherings and mask wearing are expected to be lifted. Confirmation of an in-person or online meeting will be determined and notification will be made to all members.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Debby Limoncelli at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wally Hart, Secretary