Canajoharie Library and Arkell Museum

Trustees Meeting - March 10, 2021

Attending: Phyllis Lapi, Roberta Rocas, Mark Davidson, Nathan Fenno, Sheryl Neal, Wally Hart, Alan Brust, Dusty Putnam, Chris Duncan, and Sue Friedlander

Call to order – Phyllis Lapi called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

Agenda – the agenda was approved on a motion by Dusty Putnam and Sheryl Neal with all in favor.

Secretary's Report was presented and on a motion by Alan Brust and Dusty Putnam, the minutes were accepted with all in favor.

Financial reports. Sue noted some items from the reports. The individual gifts has the funding from a private family Foundation gift that was promised in 2020 and arrived in 2021. The program income is from the upcoming Juried Show. A motion by to accept the financial reports was made by Roberta Rocas and Nathan Fenno and approved by all in attendance

Executive Director's Report – Sue gave a few highlights from her written report. We need to keep up with the new minimum standards for the Library, this will be done throughout the year. Nice public relations with a two page story in the Gazette. The Parks and Trails booklet is another publication we have placed ads in and are getting a good response.

Patrons are requesting and it has been suggested that the library be a place for people to seek assistance to help people sign up for vaccinations. There are some privacy concerns and Sue and Maria will create a policy to protect the organization if we assist. Sue will reach out to the Office of the Aging for assistance.

Personnel Committee – Nathan Fenno made a motion and seconded by Mark Davidson that the recommendation of the committee to hire Maria Cancro as librarian to start on March 15, 2021. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Maria will be asked to present at board meetings and will be asked to begin attending in April.

Board Development Committee – Mark reported on the committee meeting and that we are looking to confirm current terms that meet the charter requirements. The terms will be in "classes" to allow rotation of renewals and new trustees.

Library Committee- Alan reported on the virtual meeting with Senator Michelle Hinchey and how supportive she was of libraries. They specifically talked about our ability to continue to offer services to the community, especially internet services in rural areas.

New Business – the annual report for the Library is being compiled in preparation for sending it to the State. The report as compiled was presented and accepted on a motion by Chris Duncan and Sheryl Neal with all members present voting in favor.

Old Business – Two proposals have been prepared for the skylight repair (Ethan Buck Inc., and MidState Industries. The Building and Grounds Committee will review and make a recommendation on the proposals.

Mark Davidson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wally Hart Secretary.