

November 9, 2022

Canajoharie Library and Arkell Museum

Board of Trustees

Attending – Phyllis Lapi, Charles Tallent, Sheryl Neal, Alan Brust, Mark Davidson, Nathan Fenno, Wally Hart and Sue Friedlander, Maria Cancro. Chris Duncan joined via zoom.

Call to Order – the meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by Phyllis Lapi.

The Minutes of the August 10, 2022, minutes were presented and approved on a motion Mark Davidson and Alan Brust with all in attendance voting in favor. A quorum was not achieved at the September and October meetings so no minutes were presented for approval.

The Financial reports were presented. Chuck also presented a copy of our investment policies for our records and noted they have been sent to NBT for their records. Arkell Hall Foundations third quarter payment was also received at the meeting. It was not included in the financial reports presented at the meeting.

The financials noted income for library fines and fees – we do not charge for late returns of borrowed items but patrons may need to pay for damages or lost items. They also pay fees for office services like copies.

Mark noted concern that the investment portfolio, under NBT is underperforming as benchmarked to the markets and may be an item for the committee to review and discuss with NBT.

Charles Tallent and Nathan Fenno made a motion to approve the financial reports. All members voted to accept the reports.

Director's Report – Annual appeal letters have gone out to a wide range of supporters including members, VIPs, and elected officials.

Maria noted she will be interviewing for the Substitute front desk part-time position. Maria and Chuck attended the annual MVLS meeting.

Internet Use Policy – the updated policy was presented and on a motion by Charles Tallent and Sheryl Neal, the policy was approved.

Board Development Committee – Mark presented the committee's recommendation to nominate new members of the board of trustees. We will invite one or more of the nominees for a "meet and greet" at the December meeting. The election of the members can take place in January or later to fill open slots. Nathan will also review our bylaws regarding consecutive term service.

A slate of officers for 2023 will be drafted for December. Members who are willing to serve should contact one of the committee members. (Mark, Wally or Dusty) Possible candidates are listed below.

President - open

Vice President – Nathan Fenno

Treasurer –Roberta Rocas

Secretary – Wally Hart

Chris Duncan reported that Walter Hatke, a regional and nationally known artist, offered to donate a painting to the permanent collection; Hatke calls the Mohawk Valley scene a companion to the piece that hangs in the lower office area. Hatke would also like to have us host an exhibition of his artwork at the museum. Board president Phyllis Lapi suggested that the Collections Committee should further discuss the acquisition and the possibility of exhibition of his works, and present their recommendation to the board.

Building and Grounds – work has been completed painting the exterior and casement windows.

Mark commended Maria for attending the local Chamber meeting and representing the Library in the community.

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Nathan Fenno with all in favor at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wally Hart, Secretary