

Canajoharie Library and Art Gallery – Arkell Museum

January 11, 2023 Regular meeting of the Trustees

Attending: Charles Tallent, Nathan Fenno, Sheryl Neal, Alan Brust, Debbie Limoncelli, Wally Hart, Chris Duncan, Erin Salie, and Sue Friedlander and Maria Cancro. Joining by zoom via video and audio, Dusty Putnam and Roberta Rocas.

Call to order at 6:19pm by president, Charles Tallent

Secretary's Report – The December 2022 meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Nathan Fenno and Sheryl Neal, with all in favor.

Treasurer's reports were distributed. The financials presented show a loss on paper of \$94,000 for the year but of that \$51,000 of prior year PPP funds would be available to cover costs in the 2022 budget. This income has not yet been applied to the reports. It was noted that the 2023 budget will be presented in February after another review by the executive committee.

Director's Reports – Maria and Sue presented additional updates to the written reports. A number of school students have visited recently. Annual statistics are being finalized to show use and reach. Library use, programming and research assistance has increased significantly since 2021. Maria noted only a few programs are still offered only remotely, such as "Lets talk Art" which reaches a very large global audience.

Sue noted that the new part-time B/G staff is on-board and they are finding him very helpful and responsive. He is working 15 hours per week learning from Michael and will be the contact if Michael is out of town.

Committee reports – No committees met during December – Committee assignments will be assigned in February. Any interests in specific committees should be communicated to Sue and Chuck.

New Business – Joint Automation Security Agreement – our annual agreement with MVLS. On a motion by Wally Hart and Nathan Fenno, Charles Tallent was authorized to sign the agreement. All present voted in favor.

Old Business – the board will need to focus on financial stability in 2023 and it was noted that the Arkell Hall Foundation contribution will remain at \$250,000. 2022 Donations and contributions to the organization were higher than budgeted with approximately \$62,000 in the annual appeal and over \$21,000 for memberships.

Although the museum side is closed in January and February 2023, the museum is offering an opportunity for free guided tours on January 21, 2023. This may be repeated if it is well received.

The next meeting is Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 6:00pm.

On a motion by Sheryl Neal the meeting adjourned at 6:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wally Hart Secretary.