



CANAJOHARIE LIBRARY

Legal Name: Canajoharie Library & Art Gallery

Arkell Museum & Canajoharie Library

Meeting of the Trustees

May 8, 2024

Attending: Sheryl Neal, Chuck Tallent, Nathan Fenno, Alan Brust, Eric White, Samantha Jacksland, Debby Limoncelli, Suzan Friedlander, Maria Cancro, and Erin Salie

Call to order: 6:00pm

Minutes of the last meeting approved on a motion made by Nathan and seconded by Sheryl with all in favor.

Financial Report:

A bookkeeper has been hired. Mark B. operates his own accounting firm and was highly recommended by a local organization. Debby suggested the bookkeeper attend board meetings once they have settled into the position.

Directors Report:

Saturday Arkellebration event went very well. Sheryl noted in the future an "Arkellebration" sign should be put up on the face of the building. The used book sale grossed \$1,113.10. Juried art show was installed today, championed by Mary and Cory and went very smoothly. The Juried Art show opens Friday.

Samantha noted attendee comments and concerns about accessibility during the used book sale which historically has taken place in the basement.

Final auditor communications in packet, the draft was approved. A draft 990 will follow. Chuck will follow through on building replacement cost for our flood insurance renewal.

Debby stated there have been questions from the public regarding the cones outside the building and how long until the project on the foundation would be completed. Currently we do not have the funds to complete the project. The estimated cost was approximately \$300,000 when the board sought out a quote 2 years ago. Sheryl and Debby asked if there was grant money. Sue stated there is potential for grant money. The NYSCA Capital grant will be released in the fall; it is an involved package. Among many requirements to qualify, the Board will need to approve the budget for next year as early as possible (two annual budgets are typically required for this grant) and determine which deeds will meet the requirement for the grant application.



Buildings & Grounds report: The Police Chief and Deputy will be visiting Friday 9am, to conduct a walkthrough with Alan, Michael, and Sue to discuss the building and security.

Committee Reports:

Collections Committee: The committee reviewed and discussed via email the proposed piece, Handing Digging the Erie Canal by Mary Michael Shelley. An anonymous donation was made to cover the cost of the piece. The committee recommends accepting the donation. Motion to accept the piece made by Sheryl seconded by Alan passed with all in favor.

New Business:

JA Annual Agreement: Directors are working with the systems toward making improvements and clarifications to the agreement for next year. Changes can be made to improve the agreement to benefit the autonomy of local libraries. Eric asked if Schenectady pulling out of the system will cause an increase in our costs. Maria stated MVLS has assured the Directors there will not be an immediate change in costs as the budget is set through 2025. And beyond that there will not be unrealistic expectation placed on Libraries remaining in the system to absorb SCPL's contributions.

A motion to accept this year's JA annual agreement was made by Nathan, seconded by Alan with all in favor, Chuck signed the agreement and returned to Maria.

Schedule says presentation at next board meeting by Wade Abbott of MVLS, presentation will count as board training. UPDATE: Wade Abbott will attend the July, not the June, meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Nathan seconded by Sheryl, meeting adjourned at 7:12pm