

Canajoharie Library and Art Gallery – Arkell Museum

Meeting of the Board of Trustees – April 12, 2023

Attending – Charles Tallent, Nathan Fenno, Sheryl Neal, Alan Brust, Wally Hart, Debby Limoncelli, Roberta Rocas (via Zoom); also attending Sue Friedlander and Maria Cancro

Chuck Tallent called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

The **meeting minutes** of March 8, 2023 were presented and approved on a motion by Debby Limoncelli, and Charles Tallent with all in favor. It was noted the correction to the spelling of Debby's name.

The **Treasure's report** were presented by Chuck with Roberta available for comments. Nathan Fenno and Sheryl Neal made a motion to approve the reports as presented. All present voted in favor.

The proposed 2023 budget was distributed for members to review.

Chuck Tallent made the motion to adopt the 2023 budget as presented with Nathan Fenno seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.

The distribution from the endowment account was amended with the adoption of the budget and the board authorized the signers on the account to amend the amount of the disbursement.

The anniversary of the Library opening -1925, the attached-art wing was opened in 1927 and the memorial gardens opened in 1929. Sue and Maria are starting to plan for exhibits, but much more will need to be planned to adequately acknowledge and celebrate these 100 year milestones.

Directors' Report Sue updated items of note, September 16, 2023, the Musicians of Ma'alwyck will perform in the Night Watch Gallery. There will be a fee for admission, which will be a return to former practice, as all performances we host have been free for several years.

Sue asked the board to consider being here for the Mohawk-Hudson Land Conservancy rental of the building for their event on June 22, 6-8pm. It will give us good exposure and an opportunity to network with their attendees. Board members could be helpful greeting and standing in the galleries as additional eyes and ears for the attendees. Sue noted our placement and coverage in publications Saratoga magazine and the WCNV Connect magazine.

Arkellabration is April 29-30 from noon to 5pm, help from trustees in spreading the word and helping at the event would be welcomed.

Maria noted that we are promoting a campaign to "Support Our Subscriptions" to cover costs for magazine and newspaper subscriptions. Costs have increased and purchases through Amazon are not subsidized as they were previously. Anyone can contribute and do not need to cover the full cost of one subscription.

Trustee training modules are available and trustees are encouraged to consider participating in any of the options to meet the requirement for training of Trustees by the State. Links to the offerings and how to register are available here <https://midhudson.org/trusteebookclub/>

Buildings & Grounds – Alan noted the written report that he had shared from the walkabout that was completed with Michael. Proactive steps rather than reactive steps are in place.

The meeting was called into executive session at 6:31pm on a motion by Charles Tallent to discuss personnel issues. No action was taken and the board came out of executive session at 6:47pm.

A motion by Sheyl Neal and Wally Hart to amend Maria's title to Library Director and Chief of Staff of the Canajoharie Library and Art Gallery was made. The motion passed unanimously and the board was happy to recognize the work Maria is doing. The board also acknowledged the work Sue is doing and what they are doing together.

The meeting adjourned at 6:56pm on a motion by Nathan Fenno.

Respectfully submitted,

Wally Hart, Secretary