

Canajoharie Library and Art Gallery (Arkell Museum) Board of Trustees
Discussion Notes 6:00 PM until 6:21 PM (no quorum)
October 11, 2023

Attending - Charles Tallent, Alan Brust, Mark Davidson, Nathan Fenno, Sheryl Neal, Wally Hart, and Sue Friedlander, Maria Cancro. Chris Duncan joined by zoom until 6:30pm.

The was no quorum at the start of the meeting.

Sue answered questions about how to cover maintenance expenses, including affording a gardener and other tasks around the facility. Sue and Maria reiterated the need for development efforts and helping to bring in additional funds and promoting the need for community support for the services provided at both the library and museum.

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Meeting Minutes
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Attending - Charles Tallent, Debby Limoncelli, Alan Brust, Mark Davidson, Nathan Fenno, Sheryl Neal, Wally Hart, and Sue Friedlander, Maria Cancro. Chris Duncan joined by zoom until 6:30pm.

The official meeting commenced at 6:21 pm; the arrival of Debby Limoncelli created a quorum.

Meeting Minutes – The minutes of the September 13, 2023 were presented and approved on a motion by Sheryl Neal and Alan Brust with all in favor

Financial Reports -

The September financial reports were reviewed. Sue noted the income from the investment funds have been received in full for the year. Funds are transferred automatically each quarter as an agreed upon disbursement.

Sue clarified several questions about income, and the potential of our annual appeal and other corporate giving as well as expenses budgeted but not yet expended as some projects have not been completed. Hoping to match recent year’s annual appeals, we hope to have a significant flow of income in the last quarter of the year.

The reports were approved on a motion by Wally Hart and Mark Davidson with all in favor.

Directors Reports – Sue noted a few additional items – The “Festival of Trees” event hosted by a community member in early December has been cancelled. A special tour of the Museum is being provided this Sunday to an alumni group from Holy Cross. There is also a concert in the hall this weekend.

Buildings and Grounds report –

Alan and Michael took a tour of the building and didn’t note any major concerns.

Old Business –

Library Construction Grant application – MVLS approved all applications to be sent on to the State. Because they selected so many projects, the funding capacity was reduced so only 59% of each project would be funded and we would have to come up with 41%. Our project is estimated at \$185K so our portion would be at least \$75,000. This could be raised by donations or other opportunities to engage the community near and far.

Board Development – Mark noted the acting committee would start to reach out to prospective members.

Committees – a review of what committees are needed is underway and members can continue to assist where needed. Per the bylaws of the organization the following committees of the board may meet and take action that bind the board: they include the Executive, Finance, Conflict of Interest, and Whistle Blower committees. The following committees may meet and work but may not take actions that bind the board: they include Collections, Development, Fundraising, and Ad Hoc. As per bylaws, each committee needs a minimum of 3 members.

A motion to adjourn was made by Debby Limoncelli 7:03 at pm

Respectfully submitted,

Wally Hart, Secretary