

Canajoharie Library and Art Gallery
11/10 Board Meeting via Zoom

Attending: Phyllis Lapi, Sheryl Neal, Mark Davidson, Chris Duncan, Deb Limoncelli,
Chuck Tallent, Alan Brust, Sue Friedlander and Maria Cancro

Call to order – Phyllis Lapi called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm

Minutes of the October 13, 2021 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Executive Director Report

Members discussed the budget; Sue explained that though Advertising and Marketing were over budget, Exhibitions and Programs were under budget.

Sue noted that the Harvest Feast campaign had raised \$4,845 so far.
Memberships amount to just over \$16,000.00

The Annual Appeal just went out earlier this month and has raised \$9,475 so far
It's expected that the Annual Appeal will raise enough to cover any budget gaps.

Mark moved to accept the Financial Report, and it was unanimously approved.

Sue outlined ongoing programs –

- PPP 2 was filed on 11/2, not 11/11
- NYS Grants Gateway was updated
- NYSCA contract for \$12,000.00 was signed
- There was a question about the Shineman Trust balance
- First of two visits by Canajoharie High School art students was very successful

Library Report

Maria Cancro reported that digital circulation is up, but physical circulation is down
The Library will spend an additional \$500 on Overdrive, an app for listening to ebooks and audio recordings online
Maria will be attending a grants workshop

Collections Committee

On the Committee's recommendation the Board voted to accept the donation of "The Noses"

The Board approved the loan of "Aspinwall" to the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh

Finance Committee

Mark noted that the Arkell received \$50,000 in government funding during the pandemic. This is presumably one-time and needs to be covered in another way going forward.

Brooks for Books is scheduled for Sunday 11/14. Extended discussion about specifics.

New Business

Maria recommended that the Library go entirely fine-free. The majority of the MVLS is fine-free. Maria noted that the cost of a book is still charged if the item is missing for over 30 days. Sue said a fine-free policy would be a good selling point for future grant applications.

It was moved to accept the policy, going into effect on 12/1/2021. Unanimously approved.

Mark noted that the Chamber of Commerce wants clarity on Library & Museum participation on elves Night Out. Sue reported that the Library & Museum will be donating craft kits to the event and more, but that we are still not hosting large events in the building. The Library & Museum is not open for traditional receptions etc. and that we should continue to err on the side of caution due to high COVID numbers, unvaccinated children and food handling issues.

Old Business

Emergency Generator

Alan reported that inspection of the emergency generator revealed it's in better shape than we thought. It has only approximately 250 hours of use in it so far and it is started weekly to test it.

We might consider possible converting the generator to natural gas in the future.

Water Mitigation

It was reported that Lupini continues to examine existing water mitigation issues

December Meeting

The December meeting will take place on Zoom on Wednesday 12/8/2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.