

Newark Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting August 8, 2023

Attendance

Will Webber
Kaitlyn Tanis
Kyle Hitchens
Mary Torbey
Josh Shannon
Carolyn Palo
Earnie Davis

Absent

Theresa Hessey
Laura DelPercio

1. Welcome to Earnie Davis, new board member.

2. June minutes approved

Will motioned
Kyle seconded

3. Treasurer's Report approved

Carolyn motioned
Will seconded

4. Museum update: report provided by Mary

We found a host for August 20: Kyle Hitchens.

We discussed an honorarium for Wade Catts for his presentation on 8/7/23.

Carolyn moved to pay \$100 honorarium and a 5K t-shirt.

Will seconded
Motion passed

5. Special events

No one has gotten back to Kaitlyn for profit sharing at Iron Hill or Raising Cain's. She will continue searching for a restaurant partner.

Jim Jones' ghost tour revenue should be forwarded to Newark Historical Society. According to Kaitlyn we are already set up as a vendor with the City of Newark. Mary will follow up.

Mary will follow up with Jim Jones about speaking to a Society meeting in the future.

We discussed whether or not to man a table at Newark Community Day. Board members are asked to reply to Kaitlyn if they are available on Sunday, Sept. 17. [Post meeting note: We don't have the manpower to participate in Community Day this year.]

6. Newark Partnership was again offered the FOP room in the train station building. Mark Arehart, the new director, says he is interested in the room. Kaitlyn will follow up with him. We need to bring up any concerns about office sharing before Tuesday, 8/15.

7. Renovations to the Train Station

Jeff Martindale needs to get exact costs for all the repairs. He is focusing on the exterior repairs first. Interior repairs will be addressed afterward. The City has selected a contractor. It is the same contractor that did work on the Newark Opera House. We are still waiting for a timeline for the construction. Final cost must be approved by City Council. Jeff will be bring in environmental consultants to do a study on August 31. A U of D Archivist that Kaitlyn knows will review the estimate of the size of the collection that Mary and Ian produced.

Mary made a motion to bring in a U of D Archivist to review the collection, and to pay her \$300 for 8 hours of work.

Josh seconded

Motion passed

8. Jeff and Kaitlyn are reviewing our building lease that is about to expire. We are comparing our lease with Middletown Historical Society's lease. There is a suggestion that we could pay a small monthly fee into a separate fund that could be applied to future repairs. More information will be available in the future.

9. Longwood Foundation Grant application is due at the end of September. Board members agreed to postpone the grant application until next year.

10. New website and domain name will be launched August 31. Kaitlyn asked for a small group of volunteers to review the website content before it goes live. Carolyn, Josh, and Mary volunteered.

Meeting adjourned 8:03 pm

Carolyn motioned

Will seconded