

Curators Committee Meeting—Draft Minutes
September 6, 2023
2 PM

Present: Donna Zani Dunkerton, Susan Nero, Reggie Barney, Carol Bergeron, Patsy Carter, Daryl Robbins, Deb Tenney, and Jan Kulig

1. Old Business

- A. Draft minutes of the May 3, 2023 meeting were read and approved.
- B. 2023 Goals for Curators: The goals were reviewed in March. This is an ongoing process, with goals reviewed annually.
- C. Stove restoration: Ongoing. John Bergeron purchased parts today to use in this project.
- D. Mannequins: Inventory numbers will be placed on the back of the necks of the mannequins.
- E. Display Cases: The cases have inventory numbers that will be affixed to the cases.

2. New Business

- A. Cataloging Works: Susan attempted to contact Alexander Katlan about including some of our art in a catalogue, but received no response. Donna reported that all items in the museum are covered by the town's insurance.
- B. Conservator Evaluation: Judith Solberg, Director of Archives and Special Projects at Cardigan Mountain School visited with Carol, Patsy and Jan at the museum in June. She was impressed that the museum has many strengths and that she is willing to assist us once again. Susan will summarize Judith's thoughts and share them with the group via email.
- C. Display banners: Members mentioned that they had hoped that the banners would have been more colorful and visible. Jan felt that the banners called attention to the building.
- D. Mud rug: Donna feels that the rug has worked out well.
- E. Publicity for Museum: Susan placed an item in the newsflash about the museum's opening. Donna reports that it has been a busy season.
- F. Newspaper articles: Deb purchased a scanner and is experimenting with it. Susan will look into legal-size scanners. Carol mentioned photographing items.
- G. Storm Window: The window installation is complete!
- H. Cataloging Catch-Up: A work session will be scheduled for either September 19th or 20th at 10 AM. Members will email the group about their preference.
- I. Carol reported that she, John and Jan visited the Norwich Historical Museum and she shared a booklet that has been created by a cartoonist about that town's history. There was much enthusiasm about such a project about

Canaan. She also wondered whether we should add another mannequin on which to display the baseball uniform.

3. Next Meeting

We will meet on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 2 PM at the Mascoma Health Center.