

Kalamazoo Valley Community College

Arcadia Commons Campus

**Kalamazoo Valley Museum**

Advisory Team

5:30 PM

January 7, 2020

*Present: Baker, Blanchard, Fullerton, Hollins, Jbara, McElhone, Morehouse, Stinson*

*Absent: Ferraro, Justice, Lee*

**Meeting Agenda**

1. Acceptance of the Agenda
  - The Agenda was accepted as presented.
2. Acceptance of the Minutes – October 1, 2019
  - The Minutes were accepted as presented.
3. Introduction of New Members
4. Informational Updates
  - Sonya updated about her Merze Tate girls' activities and distributed magazines.
  - New employees are Steve Crawford, Meggie Anderson, Garrett Sander, Walker Truckey, Gray Willson, Noey Garcia, Kaylee Hagemann, Wesley Vanderweg.
  - Org chart for the KVM was presented.
  - The new Strategic Plan was reviewed.
  - Highlights were shared, including Girl Scouts Science Badge Day, Chemistry Day, Museum Halloween Mayhem, November Art Hop, Holiday Parade Post Celebration, Winter Break activities.
  - Connecting Chords Music Festival involved Tibetan Monks who created an enormous sand painting. We had an internet feed of the presentation throughout their stay on November 6 – 11.
  - Veterans Day program on November 11 was held inside the KVM due to weather.
  - Murphy Darden and Willard Wigan exhibits are still up. Upcoming exhibits are Patient No More: People with Disabilities Securing Civil Rights and Wicked Plants: The Exhibit.
  - Staff Development included Neurodiversity 101: Building a more colorful world.
  - 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Play-In Contest will choose 2 bands on January 10 to perform in the Fretboard Festival in March.
  - Storytelling Festival will be February 1 – 2.
  - Mary Jane Stryker Theater Proposed Ramped Access was presented. This will be more open and inviting to people who need to use the ramp
5. Advisor Discussion
  - Does the KVM record Storytelling performances?
    - No, but it's possible. Sonya will follow up with Bill. She has individuals looking to get training who could record them.

- Is there an end-of-project celebration for the photo project this year?
    - Every 10 years, we do a photo project of the community to document Kalamazoo through the years. Tammy is new at organizing this project, and she is planning on organizing a capstone event.
  - What is the difference between internal and external exhibits?
    - Our in-house exhibits are exhibits that we create ourselves. We also lease exhibits from exhibit houses. In-house exhibits focus on rarely-seen collections items or other items with a more community-focused theme. Tammy and Bill are working on a survey project to solicit ideas for other topics we should be looking at for future exhibits. An exhibit on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kalamazoo tornado will be created in the upcoming year.
  - Vanished Kalamazoo on Facebook would be a good connection for the KVM.
  - A box at the front desk asking for exhibit ideas and stories would be a good way to get new ideas.
  - Groups involved with certain topics (like dance) could be involved in exhibits.
    - Currently the League of Women Voters is getting an exhibit. We get groups all the time who reach out to us with exhibit ideas.
  - Is there another time that would work better, such as lunch or early morning? Give some thought to what time of day is best.
6. Next Meeting – April 14, 2020 @ 5:30 PM (Future Meeting – July 7)
7. Adjournment