

Kalamazoo Valley Community College

Arcadia Commons Campus

**Kalamazoo Valley Museum**

Advisory Team

5:30 PM

July 5, 2022

*Present: Baker, Ferraro, Fullerton, Jbara, Stinson*

*Absent: Blanchard, Justice, McElhone, Morehouse*

**Meeting Agenda**

1. Acceptance of the Agenda
  - The Agenda was accepted as presented.
2. Acceptance of the Minutes – January 4, 2022
  - The Minutes were accepted as presented.
3. Informational Updates
  - 3.1 AAM Visit
    - Everything went well with the visit, and there were no red flags. Bill will be hearing the final decision soon. We should be set for another ten years.
    - The Wonder Media exhibit had a good kickoff, with Dr. Washington attending.
    - The Kalamazoo Boxing Academy exhibit has a good display.
    - We're now open six days per week, and attendance has been good.
    - The college had a cyber attack in May that shut down internet and all technology. That is back up and nearly all operational. We get several million attacks per day, and this one managed to get through. We have upgraded the systems to help prevent this from happening in the future.
    - Our school group visit numbers are coming back up, and we are beginning to offer Rain Garden Tours with our volunteer through Youth Opportunities Unlimited.
    - Notes from Bill:
      - One of the American Alliance of Museums' Accreditation Commissioners called Wednesday, July 6th, to notify me that the Museum was reaccredited. A formal notification will be sent to Dr. Washington sometime next week. I look forward to sharing the details of the merits for the Museum's reaccreditation in a future note.
      - The Museum has hired Julie Bunke as Manager of Exhibits and Interactive Experiences. She will start later this month on Tuesday, July 26th. Many of you may recognize Julie's name, as she formerly worked at the KVM in a different role. I'm delighted to have her back to serve in a new position to further the development of the Museum's exhibits and to strengthen its connections to public programs and other engagement activities.
      - Interviews for a new Exhibit Technician, Designer and Fabricator are in process.

- I'm happy to report that visits to the Museum continue to increase. The current exhibits, Wonder Media: Ask The Questions! (done in partnership with Western Michigan University), The Forgotten Fighters of the Kalamazoo Boxing Academy, and Rube Goldberg: The World of Hilarious Inventions, are all worth a visit.
  - Fall programs include a preview of the full-length documentary on The Forgotten Fighters of the Kalamazoo Boxing Academy on September 10th. A small exhibit on Henrietta Lacks: The Mother of Modern Medicine will open September 1st, and an original play on her life will be presented on Friday, September 30th, and Saturday, October 1st. Both projects are being done in collaboration with Jermaine Jackson, the great nephew of Henrietta Lacks. For more exhibits and programs, please see the Museum's website, kalamazoomuseum.org. Please be stop by anytime during our public hours Tuesdays-Sundays.
  - Please accept my apologies for missing Tuesday's meeting.
4. Advisor Discussion
  5. Next Meeting – October 4, 2022 @ 5:30 PM (Future Meeting – January 3, 2023)
  6. Adjournment

MAT Attendance	April-21	October-21	January-22	July-22	A=Absent
					P=Present
Blanchard	A	A	P	A	
Ferraro	P	P	P	P	
Fullerton	P	A	P	P	
Justice	A	A	A	A	
Morehouse	P	P	P	A	
Stinson	P	P	P	P	