

Kalamazoo Valley Community College

Arcadia Commons Campus

Kalamazoo Valley Museum

Advisory Team

5:30 PM

October 4, 2022

Present: Baker, Ferraro, Fullerton, Jbara, Justice, McElhone, Morehouse, Stinson

Absent: Blanchard

Meeting Agenda

1. Acceptance of the Agenda
 - The agenda was accepted as presented.
2. Acceptance of the Minutes – July 4, 2022
 - The minutes were accepted as presented.
3. Informational Updates
 - KVM is going for needed positions instead of just refilling old positions. Julie Bunke is back in a new position, and our Collections Registrar position is open. Jessica Zwalua-Cook is back full-time in a new position, and an offer has gone out to a candidate for the Program Coordinator position.
 - Kalamazoo Boxing Academy exhibit was a success, and boxers came from as far away as Texas for the reception.
 - Henrietta Lacks exhibit and play went over well, and October 4 was named Henrietta Lacks Day in Kalamazoo. The exhibit runs through February. The play was videotaped, and encore performances will be shown November 13 and January 15.
 - Chemistry Day coming up October 15, will be in person, featuring in-person experiments and new chemist volunteers. Public Safety has given permission to have an experiment involving explosion outside.
 - On October 29, Austin Rounds, an artist who is autistic, will talk about illustrating a book about Halloween. There is an exhibit here and in CNM—this is a collaboration opportunity.
 - Upcoming events are Art Hops, the downtown Kalamazoo holiday parade, and the return of the Kalamazoo Mandolin and Guitar Orchestra.
 - KVM is now closed on Monday and open Tuesday through Saturday 10-4, Sunday 12-4. At the beginning of June, we will switch to being open 10-6 on Saturdays. We've had great attendance with the ability to plan more programs. We still offer the preregistration and walk-up options, and we're getting age and other demographic info to better connect with the community.
 - We are looking to gear up outreach at the KVM with our new programs coordinator. We've been working with the Growlers and other community partners, and we have offers from other groups after the Henrietta Lacks plays.

- The Theater will be remodeled to include a much more welcoming ramp in place of the current lift. The lift is down a dark hallway and not intuitive to use. This will probably happen late next spring, as we are waiting for the head of Facilities to be hired.
- We will host an art class in the Theater and an astronomy class in the planetarium this semester.
- We have another vacancy on the MAT, so please let Bill know of any potential candidates; it's an exciting time because we just got our reaccreditation, and strategic planning is coming up. He has spoken with Jermaine Jackson and will see if he's made a decision on joining.
- Added staff member in the planetarium will allow us to offer more programming, and Annette's replacement will specifically deal with community outreach. We could potentially start a program such as "Exhibit Prize" to have community create exhibits of their own.

3.1 Strategic Planning Updates

3.1.1 KVCC Strategic Plan Updates from Tracy Labadie

- KVCC has finalized its five-year plan, which has three strategic goals:
 - Forecast and prepare for future learners, holistically supporting their educational goals.
 - Embed diversity, equity and inclusivity in all processes across the college.
 - Leverage broad expertise and intentional partnerships to best serve the college community.
- We are now looking to operationalize the strategic plan.

3.1.2 KVM Strategic Plan Updates from Bill McElhone

- Strategic planning for the KVM will be beginning soon, and we will be working on museum goals along with alignment with KVCC.

4. Advisor Discussion

- Kalamazoo is a rich community with a rich history, and we could dig into that even more.
- Partnerships in the past with Disability Network included the history of the disability rights movement. Matt Smith from KPL could potentially present about redlining.
- The remodel of the Theater is great because ramps should be in the best place for the people who use them, not for aesthetics of the building.
- Pam O'Connell may be interested in joining the MAT. Sharon will check with her.
- Patrons who are "regulars" might be asked to join.
 - Megan could identify that info; we will follow up.
- Will the history gallery be updated soon?
 - We will integrate some new stories like Murphy Darden's into the current gallery, but it will not be a total rebuild. "Ambient learning" has started with Darden's works at TTC. Bill and Tom Hamann will look at other organizations' use of ambient learning to create more opportunities on all KVCC campuses.

5. Next Meeting – January 3, 2023 @ 5:30 PM (Future Meeting – April 4, 2023)

6. Adjournment

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