

Kalamazoo Valley Community College

Arcadia Commons Campus

Kalamazoo Valley Museum

Advisory Team

5:30 PM

January 9, 2024

Present: Baker, Fullerton, Jackson, Jbara, Labadie, McElhone, Michaels, Stinson

Absent: Ferraro, Justice, Morehouse

Meeting Agenda

1. Acceptance of the Agenda
 - The agenda was accepted as presented.
2. Acceptance of the Minutes – October 3, 2023
 - The minutes were accepted as presented.
3. Informational Updates
 - We had a very busy winter break program, with 6,470 visitors at 33 events/activities. This is compared to 5,100 visitors last year. Channel 3 did a report, interviewing Program Coordinator Stephanie Willoughby. She was also interviewed by WoodTV channel 8 about the Winter Break program via zoom.
 - Wonder Media and Splat! The Buzz About Flyswatters exhibits are now closed. Sue Ellen Christian from WMU, whom we collaborated with in creating Wonder Media, will be traveling four parts of the exhibit. This exhibit was aimed at middle school students. Splat! will be shipping out Monday.
 - Off the Shelves: Exploring the Kalamazoo Valley Museum's Furniture Collection exhibit closes January 21. New shelving will be installed in collections storage mid-February, and moving these large items was part of the preparation.
 - Kalamazoo State Hospital: 165 Years of Psychiatric Care exhibit opening February 3, and Skin: Living Armor, Evolving Identity exhibit opening February 10. Skin was created by the Minnesota Science Museum.
 - Mental Health Fair will take place in May in connection with the State Hospital exhibit and Mental Health Awareness Month.
 - Adult Discovery Series & Retro Café took place today. It is a new program with a small \$3 fee aiming at a different audience.
 - The KVM is working with other Kalamazoo Valley departments to cohost a program on Bonnie Jo Campbell, a local writer. Tickets are free.
 - Chest/Breastfeeding café is a partnership with the county health department for a new monthly program for parents.
 - 19th Annual Fretboard Festival is taking place this March 1 & 2, with concerts on both Friday and Saturday.

- Foodways Symposium is April 5 & 6. This year’s theme is African Heritage Foodways; it is a partnership with Kalamazoo Valley’s Culinary Allied Health.
- Collections updates:
 - Review of the Darden Collection acquisition is underway; more to come soon.
 - Collections blog is ready to launch.
 - Deaccessioning project is complete, but more items are being discovered as we prepare for the high-density storage installation.

3.1 Strategic Planning Updates

- Updates coming soon.

4. Advisor Discussion

- Compliments to KVM team on handling the Darden Collection.
- This was Mr. Darden’s legacy, and it’s wonderful that this collection will be available for the public to enjoy. A lot of his art has been shown at the Kalamazoo Public Library (and other locations) in the past.
- In 2021, Jodi Michaels was able to show Darden’s works to people from around the world, and it was a wonderful opportunity for them to understand our culture on the city level.
- Will there be opportunities for panel discussions about the State Hospital?
 - We are working with the hospital, and a former director has been interviewed.
- Is the KVM working with other groups for the breastfeeding café?
 - Yes, Bill will confirm the exact groups.
- Will there be programs associated with the Skin exhibit?
 - Yes, and Bill will communicate those when planning is finalized.

5. Next Meeting – April 2, 2024 @ 5:30 PM (Future Meeting – July 2, 2024)

6. Adjournment

MAT Attendance	January-23	April-23	July-23	October-23	January-24	A=Absent
						P=Present
Ferraro	P	P	P	A	A	
Fullerton	P	A	P	P	P	
Jackson	P	A	P	P	P	
Justice	A	A	P	A	A	
Michaels	P	P	A	P	P	
Morehouse	A	P	A	A	A	
Stinson	A	P	P	A	P	