

Kalamazoo Valley Community College

Arcadia Commons Campus

**Kalamazoo Valley Museum**

Advisory Team

5:30 PM

July 2, 2024

*Present: Baker, Ferraro, Fullerton, Gorham, Labadie, McElhone, Michaels, Stinson*

*Absent: Jackson, Morehouse*

### **Meeting Agenda**

1. Acceptance of the Agenda
  - The agenda was accepted as presented.
2. Acceptance of the Minutes — April 2, 2024
  - The minutes were accepted as presented.
3. Tour of Collections Storage
  - Collections Manager Regina Gorham led a tour of new collections storage updates.
4. Informational Updates
  - MMA conference will be here in October, and we hope to showcase the new collections storage updates.
  - Current exhibits include The Questioners: Read. Question. Think. Play!, mini-exhibit on baseball, State Hospital exhibit.
  - Skin: Living Armor, Evolving Identity exhibit just closed.
  - Bonnie Jo Campbell exhibit is closed and will be deinstalled soon.
  - Murphy Darden events will take place September 5-6, regarding the recent acquisition of the collection. Filling the Gaps reproduction artwork will be at AWH, with documentary film at the KVM.
  - Masonic and Odd Fellows Art exhibit is coming this fall.
  - National Skin Cancer Awareness Month program in May attracted 55 visitors.
  - Education Days at the Growlers—we interacted with thousands of kids over the course of three days.
  - Bob Marley film was shown for Juneteenth, facilitated by Yolonda Lavender.
  - Discovery Quest program is happening this summer, with weekly hands-on activities for kids based on the Questioners exhibit.
  - Chest/breastfeeding program continues monthly.
  - Foodways on April 5 and 6 was a successful program, with a very popular seed exchange.
  - Solar Eclipse program gave away 23,000 pairs of solar shades, and nearly 1000 people gathered outside to witness the eclipse.
  - Statewide Astronomy Night drew visitors on Friday, April 12.

- Gilmore Keyboard Festival films were show in the MJST, drawing 232 people.
  - Collections updates: blog, high-density mobile storage shelves, online catalog with Murphy Darden collection available by searching “Darden.”
  - Argus database visits and donation, research, photo requests numbers shared.
- 4.1 Strategic Planning Updates
- Finishing up mission and vision statements and will share soon. They will be updated based in part on experiences learned during the pandemic.
5. Advisor Discussion
- A few members have dropped from MAT lately. Will the spots be refilled?
    - Yes, we have space for more individuals. Angela Justice is unable to commit to serving in the future, so that spot is open also.
  - Jodi tries to get all her groups to come here, including upcoming group with participants from around the country.
  - Disability Network had a good report doing disability assessment for Wheel the World program.
    - Bill is on Disability Network board and is happy to hear about the report.
6. Next Meeting — October 1, 2024 @ 5:30 PM (Future Meeting — January 7, 2025)
7. Adjournment

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