

Pickens County Museum of Art and History

Foundation Board Meeting

April 12, 2023

Tabitha Johnson called the meeting to order; in attendance was Ginger Hicks. The previous minutes were revised for clarity and approved.

In the financial update, Tabitha reported that our bank account balance is currently \$15,689.88. We will have outgoing funds in the next few weeks due to the Youth Art Month prize money being deducted.

In terms of Youth Art Month, there are 584 works in the exhibit. The show opened on April 5 and will close on April 29. On April 20 at 6 PM, the museum will host a reception for middle and high school students at which a representative of Tri-County Technical College, Easley Campus, will make remarks about the joint venture aspects of Youth Art Month. Prizes will be awarded to the winning middle and high school students. April 25 at 6 PM is the date for the Daniel and Easley reception for elementary students and families while April 27 at 6 PM will serve as the reception of Pickens and Liberty elementary students and families. On April 26, representatives from Tri County Technical College, Easley Campus, will select works to be framed and hung on display for one year on the campus. This effort will extend the celebration of arts made by the youth of Pickens County.

Tabitha reported that the museum had 493 guests during the month of March, and our social media presence for the same time period reflected 7,343 interactions of Facebook with 2,942 active engagements with posts.

The renovation of the museum gallery spaces is moving forward. The lower upstairs gallery will start once the youth Art Month exhibit in that gallery is concluded.

In new business, Tabitha reports that on May 20 at 10 AM Virginia Ellison from the South Carolina Historical Society will present "What's In Your Attic?" More about this program can be found at <https://schistory.org/event/whats-in-your-attic/> This program not only advocates taking one's family "treasures" to museums or conservators to see best how to preserve them but also contains an element of preserving local history for the community via museum donations.

Erin Webb's upcoming art class, which begins on April 20, has 8 students.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Monday, May 8, at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginger Hicks, Secretary