

Pickens County Museum Foundation Board Meeting

Monday, May 8, 2023

Tabitha Johnson called the meeting to order. After a minor correction for clarification in the March minutes was approved, the April minutes were also approved.

In terms of the financial update, Tabitha reported that our account balance is \$15,127.95, which reflects 15 Youth Art Month checks cashed for a total of \$990. More have yet to be cashed. We will pay approximately \$600 for framing for the year-long exhibition at Tri-County Technical College, but that funding is provided through the \$3000 that Tri-County Tech provided to the Museum.

In terms of engagement for the month of April, the Museum had 1,482 visitors and 1,816 contacts via Facebook. At the three Youth Art Month receptions, approximately 800 people attended. Pickens Middle School and a homeschool group attended scavenger hunts at the Museum during the month. Due to increased traffic, the gift shop sold \$241.67 worth of merchandise that will appear on next month's financial statement. One of our visitors this past month was the widow of Joe's Ice Cream owner Joe Lesley, who was impressed with our Doodleville Exhibit.

The renovations of the Museum are ongoing, with the upstairs large gallery space slated for new flooring and walls. The office has already relocated to a space behind the gift shop, while the former office space will become a classroom that is on the main floor. This space will provide easy access to participants in the classes. The former downstairs classroom will become the new Environmental Office.

Tabitha Johnson has applied for a SC250 Commission grant for \$30,000 to upgrade the Revolutionary War Hero Andrew Pickens Exhibit.

The board discussed Erin Webb's summer art class, Introduction to Oil Painting, which will tentatively run from July 16-23 from 10 AM -12:30. She will update the board about the dates at the next meeting. This course is geared toward young adults and teens. There was some discussion about folding the supply costs into the registration fee and how that might be handled if the county ordered supplies.

As the Board looked at the new classroom space, it suggested that an ongoing fundraiser might be for local artists to bid to paint ceiling tiles. More discussion of this will follow at our next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Our next meeting will be on June 12 at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginger Hicks, Secretary

