

BERKLEY HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Present: S. Richardson (Chairperson), J. Tong (Vice-Chairperson), D. Carlson (Secretary), M.C. Mueller, D. Callihan, S. Hansen, K. Grimm, G. Rubright, R. Patterson, S. Patterson, J. Harlan (membership pending), D. Bennoune

Absent: K.Schmeling, W. Mathis (Treasurer/non-voting), City Council Liaison S. Baker

1. The meeting was called to order by S. Richardson at 7:01 pm.
2. S. Richardson called for additions to the agenda. D. Callihan requested that discussion of the condition of the facade of the Berkley Village Hall building be added. S. Richardson added the item to the agenda. S. Hansen made a motion to approve the meeting's agenda as amended. D. Bennoune seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without discussion. There were no citizen comments made.
3. **City Council Liaison Report:** S. Baker was absent. Liaison report tabled until next meeting.
4. **Prior Meeting's Minutes:** S. Richardson called for possible corrections to the minutes for the March 13th, 2024 meeting of the Committee. No corrections were recommended. R. Patterson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 13th, 2024 meeting of the Berkley Historical Committee. D. Callihan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without further discussion.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** S. Hansen reported, in place of Treasurer W. Mathis, a prior balance of \$15,024.98. Expenditures and income are enumerated below:

a. Expenditures:	New Event Tent.....\$835.64
	<u>American Asso. for State & Local History Dues.....\$98.00</u>
	TOTAL \$933.64

b. Income:	<u>Berkley Library/Museum Sales.....</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$10.00

\$14,101.34 was reported as the month ending balance.

6. Curator's Report: J. Tong reported on a few matters.

- a. Berkley High School has purchased the Cana Lutheran Church building whose congregation will dissolve. It will be used as a robotics lab. Cana Lutheran Church's archives will be added to the Museum's collection. Also, Berkley's La Salette Catholic parish will celebrate its 100th anniversary this year. The history of both churches will be incorporated into a Museum display in the coming months. The La Salette display will likely be re-exhibited in the church's "gathering area" later in the year.
- b. March's Maybelle Fraser Museum exhibit is on display; developed in cooperation with Fraser's daughter who loaned many of the exhibit items.
- c. A City Council proclamation honoring the life and work of Fraser will take place at the City Council's meeting on Monday, March 18th. The Museum will have a special opening on the same night so that Fraser's family can see the exhibit. R. Patterson and M.C. Mueller volunteered to staff the special opening.
- d. A \$100 cash donation was recently made to the Museum. J. Tong made a motion to accept the donation. D. Callihan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without further discussion.

7. Pattengill School Historical Marker: D. Callihan again reported a possible dedication date of May 14th, immediately preceding a PTA meeting at the school, though the date is still being discussed. Update to be given at a future meeting.

8. Berkley Days Volunteer Project: D. Carlson stated his intent to develop with Emma Farr, Berkley's National Honor Society Advisor, a Berkley Days volunteer program for Berkley High students aged 17 years and older that will include a free festival grounds wristband in exchange for volunteer service. Berkley Days 2024 will take place on May 9th through the 12th. Update to be presented at next meeting.

- 9. 2024 Berkley Art Bash:** S. Richardson announced that the Committee is signed up to partake in the 2024 Berkley Art Bash from 10 am to 6 pm on Saturday, June 8th, and called for volunteers to staff our Museum's kiosk. D. Carlson made a motion to reimburse with Committee funds the \$100 that S. Richardson spent to reserve the Committee's place among 2024 Berkley Art Bash participants. R. Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without further discussion.
- 10. Berkley-Themed Art Prints:** S. Patterson passed around prints of his latest Berkley-themed paintings and proposed sales of the prints at the Museum and the Berkley Art Bash. A price of \$10 was suggested. There was a general consensus among the Committee to move forward with the project. D. Carlson volunteered to create suitable digital facsimiles for mass production. S. Patterson said that a painting of the Village Hall in Christmas decor is soon to be completed, too. Project progress to be updated at next meeting.
- 11. Village Hall Facade Renovation:** D. Callihan stated the need for an improvement of the Berkley Village Hall's facade, noting worn stone, peeling paint and other deficiencies. The possibility of grant funding was suggested by J. Tong and K. Grimm. J. Tong suggested any plan begin with discussion of a possible improvement project with Berkley Facilities Manager, Alex Brown. There was a general consensus among the Committee that this project should move forward. Progress to be reported by aforementioned Committee members at next meeting.
- 12. Tabled for discussion at future meetings:** Berkley Days, Museum memberships, Roseland Park Cemetery Tour, Smocks/Uniforms/Museum Patch.
- 13.** The date of the next Committee meeting was announced: Tuesday, April 30th. The Museum shift sign-up calendar was passed around.
- 14.** S. Hansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:54 pm. K. Grimm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without further discussion.