
Director's Report

October 9, 2018

Personnel

As you will see from the Human Resources report, we are still trying to fill two part-time positions, a day-time cleaner and a CRC clerk. We are continuing negotiations with NYSUT and I am reporting back to and in consultation with the Labor Committee on issues under discussion.

Buildings and Grounds

As I reported in my last report and I am repeating it here, we had some tree trimming work done on a maple tree on the Depew property when some branches broke off as a result of a storm this summer. The arborist who worked on it said the tree was in bad shape and could easily fall over with one good storm. I asked him for an estimate, which is attached to this report. I'm hesitant to spend this money at this time, since it's an unanticipated, unbudgeted expense, but I wanted to bring it to the Board for discussion.

I have submitted the Construction Grant proposal on September 4, as well as the additional documents approved and signed at the September 24 special meeting. I have received the building permit from the Village of Nyack and I have asked David Scharf to put us on his calendar. Donna Lightfoot Cooper and I are discussing the relocation of some furniture and other items in preparation for the construction.

We had a visit from Matthew Rao from the NYS Bridge Authority on September 19 for the final inspection of the Carnegie Room and we received official notification that we will receive the final balance of \$11,008.83. Our total award was \$30,996.72.

Meetings and Programs

We had two Carnegie Concerts in September starting with a concert from Deni Bonet a pop-rock singer, based in New York City who is also a classically trained violinist. It was an amazing concert and the audience loved it. The second concert, with Collective Brass on September 21 was equally great. Five musicians with a variety of brass instruments played everything from classical to Broadway music.

We are continuing to collaborate with Hopper House on art talks and we will begin a collaboration with VCS on their Undoing Racism workshops. The Nyack Center is also a partner in this venture. We participated once again in the Great Nyack Get Together on September 15, and I want to thank Jen Harrigan, Sharon Aperto, Tracy Dunston, Jaime Jeanty, Nick Rocco, and Shira Barkoe for their work on that day. I especially want to thank Jen and her husband for helping me to set up our booth and Shira, Omar and Jean for helping me to break it all down. We had lots of kids coming to do crafts and lots of kids (and adults) coming to play Jenga. It was a fun day for all.

Now that fall is here, our staff committees have begun to meet on a regular basis. The Maker Space Committee is planning a Maker Fair for January. The Fun Committee plans for a fun activity every month, usually involving food. The Web Committee has been working on a redesign of the website which will be presented at this month's Board Meeting. The Collections committee meets to discuss issues, problems, changes and questions regarding the collection. The Programming Committee meets to plan the programs and events for each quarter.