



**Monroe County Museum System Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, 18 September 2024 @ 7 pm
Papermill School
3815 North Custer Road
Monroe, Michigan 48162

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting of 10 July 2024
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Monroe County Historical Society Projects Fund Request - **Action Needed**
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Board Comments
- IX. Adjournment

Next Meeting

(Please note different monthly meeting date)

Wednesday, 16 October 2024 @ 7 pm
Monroe County Museum
126 South Monroe Street
Monroe, Michigan 48161

Mission Statement of the Monroe County Museum System

At the Monroe County Museum, we fuel and cultivate our visitors' curiosity through the exploration of Monroe County's reach and varied stories, joining together to unearth meaning and illuminate relevant connections between the past, present, and future.

2024 Monroe County Museum System Board of Trustees

(All terms expire 31 December 2024)

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Chair Brian Egen, County District 6	Trustee Emeritus Richard Micka
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	Trustee Anne Noland, County District 7
	Trustee Nick Guthrie, County District 9

2024 Board of Trustees Committees

(Appointed annually by the board chair)

Executive Committee	<i>Chair:</i> Brian Egen <i>Members:</i> Jeremy Potter, Michael Humphries, Hobby Nels, Andrew Clark, and JJ Przewozniak
Awards Committee	<i>Chair:</i> Michelle Lavoy <i>Members:</i> Thomas Heywood, Anne Noland, and Andrew Clark
Markers Committee	<i>Chair:</i> Jeremy Potter <i>Members:</i> Brian Egen, Nicholas Guthrie, Micheal Humphries, Lynn Reaume, and Andrew Clark
Projects Committee	<i>Chair:</i> Michael Humphries <i>Members:</i> Bill Conner, Brian Egen, Nick Guthrie, and Andrew Clark

MONROE COUNTY MUSEUM SYSTEM
BOARD of TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
July 10th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
at the Monroe County Museum, 126 South Monroe Street, Monroe

Present: Brian Egen, Chairman Jeremy Potter, Vice-Chairman William Conner, Member
 Nick Guthrie, Member Tom Heywood, Member Michelle LaVoy, Member
 Richard Micka, Emeritus Anne Noland, Member

Excused: Michael Humphries, Secretary Hobby Nels, Past Chairman Mary Strevel, Member

Museum Staff: Director Clark J.J. Przewozniak, Deputy Director Lynn Reaume, County Historian

Guest: Jeanne Micka, Sawyer Homestead

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m., roll was called, and there was a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda: motion was made to accept the agenda by N. Guthrie, seconded by J. Potter, and passed.

Approval of Minutes of May 8th, 2024 Meeting: M. LaVoy made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as published, seconded by A. Noland, and passed.

Public Comment #1: none

Committee Updates: Executive: Chairman Egen said the group has not met.

Spirit of Service Awards Committee: Chairperson LaVoy said the committee met and have their recommendations for Awards. The fall reception will be September 18th.

 Connections Award: Exeter Historical Society and the Homeschool Wayfinders Community

 Illumination Award: Geoff Heorauf for his body of work over the last 30 years

 Explorer Award: Joe Boggs for his book *Prohibition's Proving Ground*

Building Committee: Motion was made by W. Conner, seconded by N. Guthrie to move this report to 8.1; passed.

Historical Markers Committee: It was reported that 12 markers were taken by the Director to Sewah Foundry during June for refurbishment.

Projects Grant Committee: There were 5 applicants:

 River Raisin Centre for the Arts (RRCA) not to exceed \$20,000 for repair of the exterior brickwork. Motion was made by W. Conner to approve, seconded by M. Lavoy; passed.

 Old Mill Museum, Dundee \$11,810.50 for floor replacement work. Motion to accept made by J. Potter, seconded by N. Guthrie; passed.

 Milan Historical Society \$10,911 for replacement of the fire barn windows. Motion to accept was made by N. Guthrie, seconded by W. Conner; passed.

Genealogical Society of Monroe County (G.S.M.C.) for \$7,925 to continue the digitization of county newspapers. Motion was made by M. LaVoy, seconded by A. Noland; passed.

City of Monroe \$20,000 for Woodland Cemetery gateway project. Motion was made by A. Noland, seconded by W. Conner; passed, with M. LaVoy abstaining.

The Director will contact the successful applicants. He announced that N. Guthrie will join the Projects Committee to replace Tony Trujillo's position in that committee.

New Business: Staff Reports: T. Heywood made a motion to accept the reports as presented, seconded by N. Guthrie, and approved. The recent conservation efforts for the Durocher chair and the Potter painting were explained by L. Reaume.

Old Business: Director Clark presented slides to the group of the very early architect concept drawings for the proposed building addition between the museum and the RRCA. The images showed potential uses throughout the three-story building, including basement, and a corridor between the building and the RRCA. There were questions and comments about the designs. More drawings are expected at the end of July.

Public Comment #2: none.

Board Comments: A. Noland asked about the status of the Monroe Co. Historical Society grant renewal. It was replied that the current situation with the Society has slowed any progress. She also announced a collection event for an Eagle Scout project.

General comments were that members were glad to have actionable objectives regarding the Museum storage problem, and are looking forward to more developed plans.

Deputy Director Przewozniak said there had been a 'pop-up' event for the 207th anniversary of the formation of the county at the Territorial Park that he hopes will become an annual event.

R. Micka wondered if the Dundee Bicentennial involved the Museum; there has not been outreach to us.

With no other business to discuss, motion was made by Vice-Chair J. Potter to adjourn, seconded by N. Guthrie and the meeting was concluded at 8:24 p.m.

The next scheduled Trustee meeting is Wednesday, August 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the Museum.

Lynn W. Reaume
Acting recording secretary
18 July 2024