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FORT FRANCES MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting: Mon Aug 19, 2013, 4:15 p.m.

Present: Bruce Caldwell ✓ Robert Schulz ✓ Judy Kielczewski Debbie Ballard ✓
Committee Secretary: Sherry George ✓ Guests:

Minutes from last meeting, May 14: accepted as sent.

Museum Report:

May visitors: 231 (188 in 2012); June visitors: 570 (332 in 2012); July 541 (351 in 2012).

Current exhibit: *Bone China, Gone with the Hopechest?* Serving tea and scones on Market

Thursdays has been very successful with our professional & retired women. On many afternoons our tables are full. We will have to think about running this again next year.

Art exhibits this fall. 1) Margot Cormier Splane; 2) Cher Pruys; 3) Threadworks. In conjunction with the latter, the museum is hosting a Fibre Arts Festival, to support local crafters and provide a venue for their work.

MTF grant: database has been transferred. Students inputting information from business & subject cards. Digitizing the newspaper collection on schedule.

The idea for a walking tour using QR codes has been well received by community. We will apply for a Trillium grant for assistance with hiring someone to do necessary research and to buy devices that could be loaned out from the museum & library.

Students will head back to school at the end of August; a busy summer. They have completed much of the data entry that supported the digitization project. They also ran children's programming and mapped Scott street for walking tour.

Will look into hiring an intern to catch up on accessioning back-log now that we have new database.

New Business:

Friends of the Museum funding a song-writing program for children at the museum this fall. Shannon Darby will facilitate the program.

Fall Fundraising Gala scheduled for Thurs Nov 7th.

Old Business:

One opening still on advisory committee. Discussed options. Someone in the education field would round out current group.

Correspondence: none.

Ontario Arts Council: nothing.

Follow-up: *Recommendations to be made to Executive Committee of Community Services...*

Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

Next meeting: Mon Sept 16 at 4:15 p.m.

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