



Meeting House Events Committee Minutes

Monday April 17, 2023. 6.15 pm / @ The Meeting House

Present: Doug Kern, Amy Jackson, Maria Testa, Joan Scalfani, Steve Schultz, Mary Lowther, Doug Richardson. Absent:, Elaine LaVigne, Dennis Uminski, Linda Pacer, Pauline Dyson

1. Minutes From 3/28/23 were approved.
2. In April 2023, 9 dates were booked. In May 13 are booked so far. Music on Main open mike has not been scheduled this year.
3. Mary Lowther, representing the History Museum, agreed that MHE committee members could staff the museum during shows at the Meeting House. This would allow more people to enjoy the museum. Volunteers from the committee will be sought for at least some of the Rocking Horse shows at the end of May.
4. The Committee discussed participation in the Garden Walk, scheduled for July 15 & 16. There were not large crowds at the Meeting House last year but it was decided that it was still worth opening for part of the time (10 am - 1 pm) and offering lemonade to draw people in.
5. Friends of Harmony show on July 1, 7 PM has been confirmed. As with the February concert, Rocking Horse will assist with ticket sales via credit card, allowing us to sell presale tickets (cost: \$15). The group will be paid \$350 with the remainder of ticket sales benefiting the Meeting House. We plan to sell water and candy to supplement sales. Volunteers to serve as ushers will be sought at a later date.
6. Doug requested help with a clean up/paint touch-up day for the Meeting House. This will probably be scheduled for a Saturday in June, to be determined.
7. Two new ideas for events were discussed. First, Joan suggested an educational session, offered free of charge, by an elder law attorney. Mary Lowther also offered to look into Erie County resources in this area. This would probably be held on a weekday early evening. Second, the idea of a film festival for the fall was raised. The idea was to choose a series of related films (e.g., Hitchcock) and charge a modest fee. Tie-in with restaurants is a possibility. Doug will check into royalty issues.
8. Doug suggested doing a mailing to not-for-profits promoting the Meeting House as an event space. Committee members were asked to come up with some organizations that might be targeted.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday May 23 at 6:15 PM