VMNH Board of Trustees Education and Public Programs Committee

January 19, 2023 3:00 p.m. **virtual meeting**

Board members present: Nathan Sanford (chair), Dr. Makunda Abdul-Mbacke, Emma Ito, Lauren Woodson

VMNH Staff present: Christy Deatherage, Zach Ryder

Agenda

* Welcome and introductions
* The committee was briefed on Education Updates-
  + Program numbers and numbers served (see table below) were discussed for October – December 2022. As well as a visual presentation of fiscal year numbers. The committee discussed seeing an increase in numbers but are still not at pre-pandemic numbers yet.
    - At-the Museum highlights: educational activities provided for the first annual Bonez and Booz Festival (October) and Night at the Museum with Santa event (December).
    - Outreach highlights –Charlottesville educator programs with Camp Young at Heart; Martinsville educators with scholarship programs
  + Cross curricular programming (Science/History/Social Science) was discussed as well as renewing program partnerships with schools/groups that participated pre-pandemic (Governor’s School).
* Upcoming:
  + JMU Kid Wind Partnership with Spring Challenge - The museum will house a KidWind Wind Tunnel for loan or access to any school participating in the KidWind wind challenge (4th -12th grade students create wind turbines and test their energy output). VMNH will host a Challenge for local/regional participants on March 27th.
  + Laboratory School Initiative with NCI – VMNH staff will meet in February with NCI representatives to discuss a possible collaborative project.
* Microscope Lab:
  + IMLS grant with Drs. Moncrief and Ivanov, 15 student stereo microscopes. The lab set up was complete in December 2022 and we have worked with homeschool and private school groups. The microscopes will be used during our Bug Festival on January 28. Local science curriculum coordinators are scheduled to visit the lab to discuss programming opportunities.
* Grant Updates - Scholarship availability continues for programming through the 2022/2023 school year. Scholarships will cover outreach, at-the-museum or virtual program costs.
  + Boxley Grant (Continuation of partnership) for 2022-2023 Programming (all formats) ($10,000 total - $7,000 towards scholarships)
  + Edgar Thurman Charitable Foundation grant for 2022-2023 programming (all formats)- $10,000 total - $8,500 towards scholarships)
* Exhibit Subcommittee – The committee was updated on the next two scheduled exhibits that will be featured in the temporary exhibit gallery.
  + *Dino Discoveries* Feb 2023-January 2024
  + *Masters of the Night* Feb 2024-Jan 2025
* Report/Recommendation to BOT: The committee recommended discussing the quarterly numbers in despite of continuing Covid and other public illnesses.

No public comments will be taken at this meeting

**DEPP Quarterly Numbers**

Total Programs for Quarter: **204**

Total Number Served for Quarter: **6002**

**Notes:** October 2022 At-the-Museum numbers served includes Bonez and Booz event: 2100; October 2021 ATM numbers includes Dragon Festival (2-day event):1236; October 2019 ATM includes Dragon Festival (2 day event): 3035

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|  | Outreach  (Martinsville, Central, South Central, Eastern) | | At-the-Museum | | Distance Learning | |
| MONTH | PROGRAMS | SERVED | PROGRAMS | SERVED | PROGRAMS | SERVED |
| Oct 2022 | 67 | 1324 | 11 | 2255 | 0 | 0 |
| Nov 2022 | 55 | 927 | 18 | 308 | 0 | 0 |
| Dec 2022 | 33 | 591 | 20 | 597 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | **155** | **2842** | **49** | **3160** | **0** | **0** |

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| MONTH | PROGRAMS | SERVED | PROGRAMS | SERVED | PROGRAMS | SERVED |
| Oct 2021 | 15 | 240 | 9 | 1344 | 0 | 0 |
| Nov 2021 | 29 | 651 | 9 | 143 | 1 | 80 |
| Dec 2021 | 18 | 318 | 11 | 216 | 1 | 75 |
| Totals | **62** | **1209** | **29** | **1703** | **2** | **155** |

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| MONTH | PROGRAMS | SERVED | PROGRAMS | SERVED | PROGRAMS | SERVED |
| Oct 2019 | 61 | 1452 | 28 | 3362 | 0 | 0 |
| Nov 2019 | 38 | 757 | 16 | 313 | 0 | 0 |
| Dec 2019 | 13 | 62 | 9 | 122 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | **112** | **2271** | **53** | **3797** | **0** | **0** |