

VMNH Board of Trustees Education and Public Programs Committee Minutes

May 16, 2024 3:00 p.m. via Zoom

Board Members Present: Lauren Woodson

Board Members Absent: Nathan Sanford (chair), Emma Ito, Gael Vogler (Foundation Representative)

Staff Present: Christy Deatherage, Marcus James

- Welcome and introductions
- The committee was briefed on education updates:
 - Quarterly updates- (see table below)
 - At-the Museum highlights: sleepovers; educational activities for the *Masters of the Night* exhibit opening; Teacher Curriculum Workshop-15 formal and informal teachers participated and received environmental education curriculum for classroom/group use; Danville City Schools 5th grade classes (8 schools) visited the museum in February, exploring the exhibits and participating in two educator-led programs, including the microscopy lab.
 - Outreach highlights –Charlottesville educator continue programs with Senior Living Facilities; Martinsville educators continue with scholarship programs and afterschool programs for local and surrounding county schools/groups.
- Upcoming:
 - 2024 Summer Adventure Camps – 4 camps will be held during July – August. Each camp is M-F from 9:00-4:00, with before and after care available. The committee discussed the size of camps – 16 participants with one staff member and one volunteer.
 - The Education Department is booked for several Summer Library reading programs. The Department will travel to Brunswick County in July for programs.
- Grant Updates:
 - Received Boxley Materials grant for 2024-2025 programming (continued partnership) (\$10,000 total - 7,000 towards scholarships)
 - Submitted annual budget requests to Martinsville City and Henry County towards educator salaries
 - Submitted Edgar Thurman Charitable Foundation grant for 2024-2025 programming (all formats)- \$10,000 total - \$8,500 towards scholarships)

The committee discussed that program scholarships are provided on a need-basis and first come first serve until funds are exhausted. School administrators, curriculum specialists and communications staff are notified via scholarship opportunities via email. Christy works with Ryan Barber on various grant opportunities to potentially provide additional scholarships during the school year.

DEPP Quarterly Numbers

Total Programs for Quarter: **291**

Total Number Served for Quarter: **5,414**

	Outreach (Martinsville, Central, South Central, Eastern)		At-the-Museum		Distance Learning	
MONTH	PROGRAMS	SERVED	PROGRAMS	SERVED	PROGRAMS	SERVED
Jan 2024	56	1,001	19	385	0	0
Feb 2024	50	908	65	1,255	0	0
March 2024	64	1,079	37	786	0	0
Totals	170	2,988	121	2,426	0	0

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MONTH	PROGRAMS	SERVED	PROGRAMS	SERVED	PROGRAMS	SERVED
Jan 2023	33	558	18	355	0	0
Feb 2023	83	1,564	34	728	0	0
March 2023	58	1,037	36	729	0	0
Totals	174	3,159	88	1,812	0	0

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MONTH	PROGRAMS	SERVED	PROGRAMS	SERVED	PROGRAMS	SERVED
Jan 2022	29	506	9	77	1	75

Feb 2022	24	421	13	243	0	0
March 2022	34	488	17	258	7	280
Totals	87	1,415	39	578	8	355