

**130<sup>th</sup> Report of the**  
**ELDON HOUSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Meeting held virtually on Wednesday November 15, 2023 commencing at 4:35 pm

Present: M. Donachie, M. Halliday, L. Henderson, R. Armistead, B. McClure, D. Millar, B. Duncan

Guests: T. Regnier

Regrets: J. O'Neil, D. Fleming, D. Luthra

**Board Meeting**

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

**HENDERSON and DUNCAN**

That the agenda **BE APPROVED**

**CARRIED**

**2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest**

Nil

**3. Approval of 129<sup>th</sup> Report of the Eldon House Board of Directors**

**MILLAR and MCCLURE**

That the 129<sup>th</sup> Report of the Eldon House Board **BE APPROVED**

**CARRIED**

**4. M. Donachie - Chair's Remarks**

- Email outlining committee membership and chairs – get activated again – will put together a slate
- Executive committee to chat before meeting to set agenda

**5. Committee Reports**

- a. T. Regnier - Collections and Policy Committee
- K. Baker - Acquiring for programming – Baker Co. cocoa tin, Best Wishes magazine from Victoria Hospital, handmade lace pieces
  - o **HENDERSON and MCCLURE**
- S. Finch – For permanent collection - Parker fountain pen and ball point pencil set, 1920s, Dinkee fruit knife
- 1950s, Pince Nez glasses from Young's Jewellers, London - all but knife voted in
  - o **MCCLURE and HENDERSON**
- E. Baumgarten - ca.1900-1920s: 2 children's gowns, child's apron, and corset cover - acquisition of kids clothing to permanent collection and corset cover for programming
  - o **HENDERSON and MILLAR**

**CARRIED**

6. T. Wittmann - **Overview of Staff and Finance Reports for October and November**
- Good interest in spooky season, museum school, lectures and workshops
  - Improvements – accessible path and fencing – 2<sup>nd</sup> part starting on Friday
  - Starting Christmas prep
  - Complications – accessibility and asset management with CAM team – tricky with multiyear budget – luckily finance worked with us - conversation continuing

**MILLAR and MCCLURE**

That the Staff Reports **BE RECEIVED**

**CARRIED**

7. T. Wittmann – **Overview of 2024 Eldon House Programming Plan**
- Coming year theme – (fashion this past year) – 190<sup>th</sup> anniversary of house
  - Staple events and new plans under development
  - Draft is evolving
  - Looking at traction for past programming - community appeal – reaching out to community partners and grants
  - Responsible for outreach too – memory lane, educational tutoring, private bookings and tours
  - L. Henderson –excited to see needlework in a series, memory lane to start up and congrats to B. Ardiel for CBC radio interview
    - o T. Wittmann – B. Ardiel made connections in community with needlework – extension of our own story
    - o Will be a call for Memory Lane volunteers soon

**DUNCAN and HENDERSON**

That the Programming Plan **BE RECEIVED**

**CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Bruce – update of list of members

**ADJOURNMENT**

MCCLURE vote to adjourn

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday December 13, 2023, in person