**WESTERN NEW YORK ARCHIVISTS**

**MINUTES OF MARCH 30,2023, MEETING**

**ST. ELIZABETH MOTHEROUSE, ALLEGANY, NY**

**PRESENT:** Joshua Cehulic, Dennis Frank, S. Nancy Kaczmarek, S. Mary Serbacki, S. Mara Walton, Ellen Winger, Heidi Ziemer

After everyone had gathered and been welcomed, Ellen led the group on a tour of the heritage/display area located off the main lobby. She told about her hopes for forthcoming changes in the space to allow for more and updated display features. We also saw how photos of the sisters’ various ministries were featured using wall space in long corridors. Ellen also showed off her office and work space as well as the storage area for much of the collection.

Following the tour we continued the meeting (complete with refreshments) in a small board room. We dealt first with a couple of business items:

* Determined that the next meeting would be at the new Benjamin and Dr. Edgar R. Cofeld Judaic Museum at the invitation of Chana Kotzin. Two possible dates were chosen depending on Chana’s availability. (See below for final date)
* June 16 is the date for this year’s NYAC virtual conference.
* S. Nancy shared that Our Lady of Victory is celebrating its 100th anniversary; lots of work for her and the archives.

We then continued with our meeting theme of “Using Our Archives to Tell Our Stories.”

* Viewed the video, “Leonarda’s Journey,” produced by the Stella Niagara Franciscans. This told the story of one of the first three sisters to come from Germany as she helped establish the North American Mission. Content was heavily dependent on the archives at Stella as well as other congregation repositories, Jesuit archives, and other general public collections.
* Dennis spoke about having his interns work on various projects that help to tell the stories of St. Bonaventure University. One in particular is work being done for an SBU property study.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday May 30, 2023

 Cofeld Judaic Museum at Temple Beth Zion

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