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## Heritage Trust appoints new board members



**Shown is Martin Malone, P. Joseph Lehman Inc., middle, presenting a check to Steve George, chairman, right, and Commissioner Barry Dallara, left, for the Bedford Heritage Trust during the trust's quarterly meeting on Thursday. Photo submitted**

The Bedford Heritage Trust appointed new board members during its quarterly meeting on July 14, at the Fort Bedford Museum.

Two new board members, Mari-Pat Beene and Rick Kroft, were proposed and approved. Other members of the board include Commissioner Barry Dallara, Bedford Borough Manager Barbara Diehl, Mark Thomas, Thomas Chevrolet; Jeff Rinscheid, Bedford Borough councilman; Bedford councilman Patrick Neff, Lynn Ashe, Cliff Clark, Clark Contractors; Michael Corle, Locality; Julie Emge, Bedford resident; Charlie Fagan, Fagan and Co.; Tonya Grimes, Downtown Bedford Inc.; Jerry Hawk, Bedford Fine Arts Gallery; District Attorney Bill Higgins, Melvin Huston, Richard Lowe, Col. T. Scott Lloyd, 1788 Inn; Marilyn Otis, Colwell Banker SKS; Dr. Tom Otis, retired Chestnut Ridge superintendent; Kay Reynolds, Bedford County Endowments; Lloyd Bankson Roach,

attorney Barry Scatton, borough councilman Tim Weaverling, Mayor Bill Leibfreid and museum curator Dr. Jennifer Ford.

Also during the meeting, Marty Malone, client services director of P. Joseph Lehman Inc., the county's civil engineering firm, presented the Trust with a donation of \$500. Lehman Engineers had previously hosted a reception at the Fort.

The board also displayed major improvements that have been made to the Fort Bedford Museum. Under Ford's direction, the facility has added a modern HVAC system, new lighting and an improved professional display of Bedford County and Native American history.

The Trust, which operates the 58-year-old recreated fort, has aggressive plans to add exhibits at the site, create an educational program for local students and promote the museum throughout the region. Trust president Steve George said, “This is just the beginning of the cultural and historical improvements that the Heritage Trust has planned for the next several years. This project is terribly exciting and we’re seeking assistance from the Bedford Visitors and Tourist Bureau, Bedford Chamber, DBI and anyone else who appreciates our magnificent history.”

To learn more about Fort Bedford, visit [www.fortbedfordmuseum.org](http://www.fortbedfordmuseum.org).

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