

**St. Mary's County Museum Division Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**March 12, 2012**  
**Meeting held in Rm. 14 @ the Potomac Building.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order @8:35a.m. by President Barbara McWilliams with the following **Board Members present:** Pat Friend, John Madel, Eleanor Slater, Dale Springer, Laura Wigginton, James Banagan, George Kennett, and Barbara McWilliams.

The following were **Members excused:** Helen Dorsey, Lynn Fitrell, and Susan Gough. Museum Director Debra Pence was in attendance. Phil Rollins was absent.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silence.

**INTRODUCTION**

President McWilliams introduced new Board member George Kennett, and each member was asked to introduce themselves.

Minutes of the January 9, 2012 meeting and the agenda for the current meeting were delivered electronically to Board members. John Madel made a motion to accept, second by Dale Springer and approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Motion made by John Madel and second by James Banagan for Board to vote in George Kennett as Secretary. Motion approved.

Debra reviewed her January report. The Appraisal Fair netted about \$1500.00. Attendance was up some, especially due to the warmer weather.

**NEW BUSINESS**

David Guyther of Rec. & Parks has been named the Acting Director until a permanent replacement is made. A farewell party for outgoing Director Phil Rollins will be held on March 15 from 3-5 in the lobby of the Patuxent Building. At this time, County Government is in the 2nd round of interviews for the permanent position of Rec. & Parks Director.

Debra reported on the February activities. Attendance figures continue to rise. Events for 2012 are being organized.

The USCG gave an addendum for the Water Taxi to operate through June regarding the number of occupants allowed versus type/size vessel. The Water Taxi is already scheduled for April school groups.

Debra also stated that entrance fees (esp. @ PPLH) may need to increase in the future.

## **FRIENDS UPDATE**

Dale Springer advised that the annual meeting was held on March 1st. Member fees will increase with the Fall renewals. Financial matters are good but membership efforts need to be expanded. A membership committee needs to be formed to improve membership numbers and review fees. They may discontinue the Senior membership level. The Friends goal for membership is a 20% increase.

## **ST. CLEMENT'S HUNDRED**

John Madel reported that a Membership/By-Laws change was made last year to allow annual memberships since the Gala event was not as successful as in prior years. Membership dues mailing begins in March for current and potential members. The maintenance/storage building on the island needs to be relocated to higher ground due to several flooding events.

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

President McWilliams reviewed the upcoming events in the agenda. The April 15 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon @ Callaway conflicts with the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Departments Memorial Dedication that James Banagan and herself will be attending.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, James Banagan moved to adjourn, second by Pat Friend with adjournment @ 9:06 a.m.

## **UPCOMING MEETING DATES/LOCATIONS (Meetings begin @ 8:30 a.m.)**

MAY 14 @ PPLHM&HP

July 9 @ SCIM

September 10 @ Potomac Building Room 14

November 12 @ Potomac Building Room 14

Respectfully submitted,

George Kennett  
Secretary