

## Board of Trustees - Museum Division (Monday, December 9, 2019)

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

#### A. Call to Order

- Call to Order at 8:31

#### B. Pledge of Allegiance

#### C. Moment of Silence

### 2. ROLL CALL

#### A. Roll Call

- Members Present: Dale Springer, Jeanette Pettit, Pete Butt, Lynn Fitrell, Dr. Regina Faden, Bryan Barthelme, Michael Blackwell
- Members Absent: Victor Govier, Peter Neus, Christopher Shea, Eleanor Slater
- Others Present: Karen Stone, Arthur Shepherd

#### B. Approval of Minutes from September 9, 2019 Meeting

- I move to approve the Minutes of September 9, 2019 as presented
- Motion by Lynn Fitrell, second by Regina Faden
- Final Resolution: Motion Carries
  - Yea: Dale Springer, Jeanette Pettit, Pete Butt, Lynn Fitrell, Dr. Regina Faden, Bryan Barthelme, Michael Blackwell
  - Nay: None

### 3. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Ad Hoc Committee Report

- Nothing to report on their original charge

#### B. BoardDocs

- Dale sent out information on BoardDocs, in hopes people have logged in to see agendas.
- We explored the question of what one can see by logging in as opposed to a public view.
- We are working to make sure members have the ability to vote online, etc.
- Not everyone has received notification from BoardDocs, so we need to work on a solution for this issue.

#### C. 2020 Board Terms and Nominations

- Pete Butt raises the issue of whether Dale Springer's presidency is a potential conflict of interest with his duties as President of the Friends. This question was raised when Mr. Springer first took on his duties.
- At that time, it was determined there is not a conflict.
- The two employees of the Friends are not hired by our board. The two organizations are separate. Sources of conflict are minimal, but Mr. Springer can recuse himself in the event of any perceived conflicts.
- Arthur Shepherd will schedule a meeting with county legal services to investigate the status of employees, funding, and refining our MOU with the county to make sure all contingencies are covered.
- Nominations:
  - For President: Dale Springer is nominated by Michael Blackwell; seconded by Bryan Barthelme
  - For Vice President: Pete Butt is nominated by Regina Faden; seconded by Lynn Fitrell
  - For Secretary: Michael Blackwell is nominated by Lynn Fitrell; seconded by Regina Faden
    - I move to approve the nominations as presented
    - Motion by Bryan Barthelme; seconded by Regina Faden
    - Final Resolution: Motion Carries
      - Yea: Dale Springer, Jeanette Pettit, Pete Butt, Lynn Fitrell, Regina Faden, Bryan Barthelme, Michael Blackwell
      - Nay: None

#### D. DNR/St. Clement's Hundred MOU

- Existing MOU with DNR is being set aside, and DNR is writing a new memo given the Museum Division change of St. Clements Island.
- Karen Stone had many questions about the MOU related to the Museum's responsibilities, and exactly what properties were covered, and who is responsible for security.
- The MOU has been revised. Our board will be looking at the MOU, possibly in January or a special meeting in February to give our recommendations.
- Overall, it looks like we will have some charge of the island but would be able to subcontract the St. Clements Hundred in some cases, while the state continues to handle security and some maintenance on the island. The details will be worked out.

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. 2020 Meeting Schedule

- 2020 Meeting Schedule: January 13, March 9, May 11, July 13, September 14, November 9
  - I move to approve the 2020 meeting schedule as presented
  - Motion made by Regina Faden; seconded by Bryan Barthelme
  - Final Resolution: Motion Carries
    - Yea: Dale Springer, Jeanette Pettit, Pete Butt, Lynn Fitrell, Regina Faden, Bryan Barthelme, Michael Blackwell
    - Nay: None

B. Monthly Reports & Upcoming Events

- Museum Division Report Highlights - Karen Stone, Manager, St. Mary's County Museum Division

**SEPTEMBER**

- A mass was held at St. Francis Xavier Church in honor of the return of the altar railing and a donation was accepted for the Museum by Karen
- The MD Lighthouse Challenge went very well and was very busy at both sites
- The Museum Division had tables at both the county fair and the wine and oyster festival at Stratford Hall; both were popular, and we spoke to lots of people
- The 1st annual Retrofest on the Potomac event at Piney Point was successful and will be held again in 2020 with minor changes
- The Commissioners of St. Mary's County approved emergency funding for the pier repairs at Piney Point and agreed to sign a letter of support for a bond bill in support of the St. Clement's Island Museum building project
- A tentative plan has been made to have the 1634 landing mural go on display at the MD State House during the St. Clement's Island Museum building project

**OCTOBER**

- The Blessing of the Fleet took place and ran very smoothly; donation of \$1349 received (\$1/ticket sold)
- The first ever Library Story Time was held at Piney Point
- The Museum Division had tables at the Oyster Festival — one for store sales and one for general info
- The Division participated in Citizens Academy again
- The water taxi was hauled for the season; summer season hours ended

**NOVEMBER**

- The Benjamin Hance Soil Collection Ceremony was held, in conjunction with The Equal Justice Initiative
  - The Division Manager spoke at a Republican Women's Club meeting
  - Winter hours began at the museums: Noon — 4pm, 7 days a week
  - Biolog installation was completed and the pier replacement project began at Piney Point
- The Board commends the Museum staff on the quality of the Benjamin Hance Soil Collection Ceremony, which was a proud day for our county

C. Department Update — Arthur Shepherd, Director, St. Mary's County Department of Recreation & Parks

- Maryland Stadium Authority will begin considering the potential for a sports complex in the county, with a \$52,000 study worked on by Sen. Bailey. Think 40 to 50 acres, with 8 multi-sport fields, an indoor field house for soccer/tennis, etc.
- The YMCA community facility is recommended by its committee to be somewhere in Lexington Park
- Lexington Manor should have \$1 million for a passive park, including WiFi
- The accreditation process for Parks and Recreation is underway

D. Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Museums Update - Dale Springer, President

- The Friends and the Museum Division received a prestigious statewide recognition (along with Town of Leonardtown and other partners) from the Maryland Office of Tourism for expanding the 20th anniversary of the Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival from a one day to a three day weekend event and by helping increase hotel lodging by 20% that weekend. The award may help with attracting larger corporate sponsorships and other mid-Atlantic recognition for the event, museums and county.
- A grant for the Black Diamond event is allowing expansion of that event, with many new partners and marketing

5. ADJOURN

A. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

January 13, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 14 at the St. Mary's County Governmental Center in Leonardtown

B. Adjournment

- I move to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 a.m.
- Motion made by Lynn Fitrell; seconded by Regina Faden
- Final Resolution: Motion Carries
  - Yea: Dale Springer, Jeanette Pettit, Pete Butt, Lynn Fitrell, Regina Faden, Bryan Barthelme, Michael Blackwell
  - Nay: None