

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MUSEUM DIVISION
ST MARY'S COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS**

**January 12, 2009
Recreation and Parks Conference Room**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT
Lewie Aldridge, Jr. James Banagan Rose Davis	Helen Dorsey E Steve Dunlap E
Susan Gough George Kennett Shirley Leyland John Madel Frank Maio Claudia McAuliffe	

ADVISORS PRESENT	ADVISORS ABSENT
Debra Pence, Museum Director Phil Rollins, Director Recreation, Parks, & Community Services	

Call to Order

President Shirley Leyland called the meeting to order at 08:05 am. The Board pledged allegiance to the flag and observed a moment of silent reflection.

Roll Call

The acting Secretary called the roll and announced presence of a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the November 10, 2008 meeting and the agenda for this meeting were delivered electronically to Board Members. John Madel moved that the November 10, 2008 minutes, as amended, be approved. Rose Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed by voice vote.

Old Business

John Madel moved that the slate of officers presented at the November meeting be elected. Rose Davis seconded the motion and the motion was carried by acclamation. Shirley Leyland was elected President, George Kennett was elected Vice-President, and Steve Dunlap was elected Secretary.

New Business

Debra reported that our 375th Maryland Day celebration will be held beginning at 11 o'clock on March 25, 2009. The guest speaker is expected to be Cal Ripken and Debra expects a big

increase in attendance; the museum will have expanded hours with several new exhibits. The Doll and Train exhibit had fewer visitors than expected but attendance was up from last year.

The Presidential Campaign Material exhibit at Piney Point will be open weekends and Monday of inauguration week.

Planning is underway for facilitation visits to the Blackistone Lighthouse. Since the Point Lookout Lighthouse is open the first weekend of each month during the summer, we are planning on opening Blackistone during those weekends so visitors can see all three lighthouses in St. Mary's County.

The U. S. Coast Guard requires a passenger manifest for our water taxi. The Museum Division is complying with that requirement. Some Captains who take passengers from our pier are not inclined to follow this requirement during large events such as the Blessing of the Fleet. After a lengthy discussion, Frank Maio moved that our water taxi will complete a manifest for each trip to abide by Coast Guard rules and regulations. The motion was seconded by George Kennett and passed by voice vote.

Debra reported that the Collections Management building approved drawings are out to three contractors for bids. The Friends of the Museum, who are managing this project, will discuss the plans at their Annual Meeting on February 8, 2009.

Phil Rollins reported on the erosion project at Piney Point. The initial completion date was the end of the year but weather delays have extended the completion date. This project began in the 1990's and was subject to state funding constraints. The land around the lighthouse will be stabilized when this project is completed.

Phil Rollins does not expect significant budget cuts as this time.

Lewie reported that the Friends Annual Meeting will be held on February 8, 2009.

John Madel reported that George McWilliams will complete a new picture of Blackistone Lighthouse.

Claudia McAuliffe submitted her resignation from the board to the Board of County Commissioners.

Up-Coming Activities

President Leyland reviewed the Upcoming activities in the agenda.

Adjournment

With no further business, Frank Maio moved to adjourn, second by Jim Banagan. We adjourned at 09:05 am.

Next Meeting Date/Location

The table below is the meeting schedule for calendar year 2009:

2009 DATES	MEETING	MEETING TIME	MEETING PLACE
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January 12	08:00	Recreation & Parks Conference Room
March 9	08:00	Recreation & Parks Conference Room
March 25*	TBD	Maryland Day SCIM
May 11	08:00	SCIM
July 13	08:00	Recreation & Parks Conference Room
September 14	08:00	PPLHM&HP
November 9	08:00	Recreation & Parks Conference Room

- *Not an official meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Dunlap, Secretary