

Board of Trustees - Museum Division (Monday, March 8, 2021)

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Call to Order (8:33 a.m.)
- B. Moment of Silence
- C. Pledge of Allegiance

2. ROLL CALL

- A. Roll Call
 - Members Present: Lynn Fitrell, Michael Brown, Jeannette Pettit, Robin Finnacom, Victor Govier, Laura Friess, Amy Davis, Regina Faden, Walter Boswell, Karla Langhus, Michael Blackwell
 - Members Absent: Catherine Bowes
 - Staff Present: Karen Stone, Arthur Shepherd
- B. Approval of Minutes from January 11, 2021 Meeting
 - Motion by: Michael Brown
 - Seconded by: Jeannette Pettit
 - Passes unanimously

3. OLD BUSINESS

- A. MOU - Museum Division / Friends
 - Sent by the Friends to Arthur Shepherd for approval; no substantive changes from the previous MOU, with the Friends still being the fundraising agency. The MOU has some small wording that are not an issue for either side.
- B. Review of Strategic Plan, Bylaws & Budget Information
 - A more detailed look will happen at the next meeting, but the Division has met most of its goals, though the pandemic has pushed back the schedule on the St. Clements Island Museum Building project.
 - Ms. Fitrell asks if there were any questions about the bylaws, which will also be reviewed more in in-depth in a future meeting.
 - A new part-time position was approved.
- C. Annual Report
 - Motion to approve by: Robin Finnacom
 - Seconded by Michael Brown
 - Passes unanimously

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. St. Mary's County Museum Division Update
 - Special open houses at Drayden African American Schoolhouse for Black History Month were well-attended.
 - The Old Jail House Museum was open for First Friday; its store is out-performing the others and includes Leonardtown items.
 - The Moll Dyer Rock was moved from the Old Jail Museum to Tudor Hall.
 - The Fresnel Lens was installed at the Piney Point Lighthouse Museum.
 - Ms. Stone served as a panelist on the "Dismantling Racism" series sponsored by the Library.
 - The Maryland Day celebration has been pre-recorded and will be shown at Noon on March 25th on the various county and Museum media outlets and at the Piney Point Lighthouse Museum building.
 - The St. Clement's Island Museum water taxi will run, and the museum will be open and free for the day.
 - Museum employees attended the College of Southern Maryland's Non-Profit Institute's Annual Conference.
 - Training in driving and CPR have been completed by staff.
 - The general contractor for the St. Clement's Island Museum new building project renovation has been chosen to oversee construction.
 - The Black Diamond event will be smaller than in some previous years, but plans have been approved by the county nurse for it, with many activities being socially distanced outside.
- B. Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Museums Update
 - The Friends are hiring a new membership and fundraising coordinator at 25 hours per week.
- C. Monthly Report & Upcoming Events
 - On April 14th, a new wine-tasting event will occur in concert with Tourism and the wineries of St. Mary's County.
 - 250 people are allowed to be at the Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival main event on the Saturday, and plans are ongoing.
- D. Department of Recreation & Parks Update
 - Mr. Shepherd offered thanks for our activities.
 - This evening, the capital improvement plan goes before the Commissioners. The Commissioners are interested in property by Gate 3 that will allow public water access to the Chesapeake Bay.
 - The turf project is ongoing.
 - Improvements to parks are ongoing.
 - Money is being allocated and moved around in various budgets lines (to remain budget neutral) to get the St. Clement's Island Museum new building project moving forward for the solicitation and design work this year.

5. ADJOURN

- A. Announcements, Clarifications or Questions
 - Name tags and Commissioner certificates will be left for Trustees at the Old Jail Museum in Leonardtown for pickup at their leisure.
- B. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting
 - May 10, 2021 @ 8:30 am – Location TBD
- C. Adjournment (9:45 a.m.)
 - Motion by: Michael Brown
 - Seconded by: Regina Faden
 - Passes unanimously.