

Board of Trustees - Museum Division (Monday, July 18, 2022)

1. CALL TO ORDER: 8:35am

- A. Establish Quorum
- B. Moment of Silence
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Welcome - New Education Programming Coordinator, Sara Saunders and new Fundraising Coordinator, Zach Steele
 - Both were not present due to Outdoor Adventure event (Sara) and Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival long weekend (Zach)

2. ROLL CALL

A. Roll Call & Self Introductions

- Present: Lynn Fitrell, Jeannette Pettit, Amy Davis, Karla Langhus, Laura Friess, Robin Finnacom, Mike Brown, Michael Blackwell
- Members absent: Catherine Bowes, Regina Faden, John Deatrick
- Present for County: Karen Stone

B. Approval of Minutes from May 9, 2022 Meeting

- Moved by Laura Friess
- Seconded by Karla Langhus.
- Passed unanimously

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Museum Division & Friends Updates

- Work has begun to fix the shore at Piney Point Lighthouse Museum, with some large rocks being moved to help prevent a pattern of erosion
- There will be some video tours created of the Museum sites for virtual visits

B. Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival Review

- The main event for the festival had to be cancelled due to flooding of roads at Colton's Point
- 50% refunds will be given for Saturday only
- The jazz artists who were in town went to Leonardtown and gave a meet-and-greet to the attendees
- The sponsors are keeping their donations in place
- Revenue will be less than normal due to giving refunds, but the Friends will make money
- There was discussion of contingency plans in case of flooding at future events, including getting insurance for rain, the language of the artists' contracts & how to advertise in case of inclement weather

C. St. Clement's Island Museum Building Plans Updates

- Plans for new building are going to the Planning and Zoning Committee, where they are expected to be approved

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Strategic Plan Draft Overview

- Board members reviewed the plan draft and made minor wording and organizational edits but overall liked much of the draft.
- Some more substantive edits were offered. Robin Finnacom suggested adding more information about the Division thriving in a time of change created by capital plans/funds. The plan is silent on how to operate with the upcoming capital improvements. The committee will implement this suggestion.
- The section on "threats" will be reworked to add climate change and possible economic recession.
- The specific measureable goals need to be updated.
- The needs of the AAMA must also be considered in any revised draft—some sections are required but could be moved in order.
- The committee will meet again in person to implement changes.
- The plan can be a source of three or four major ideas to present to the County Commissioners on what the board would like to see done.

B. St. Mary's County Museum Division General Overview

C. Introductions of and Brief Comments by New Staff Sara Saunders and Zach Steele

- Both were not present due to Outdoor Adventure event (Sara) and Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival long weekend (Zach)

D. Department of Recreation & Parks Update

- None given

E. Upcoming Events

ONGOING

- Leonardtown First Fridays each month | Old Jail Museum open 10PM to 7PM
- Drayden African American Schoolhouse first Saturday each month through August | open 11AM to 2PM

JULY

- 16: Conversations & a Cruise: 9AM to 10AM
- 17: Dinner & a Cruise: 4PM to 8PM
- 18 - 21: Outdoor Adventure at Piney Point | 9AM to 12PM
- 26 - 28: St. Clement's Island Museum Art Kids (SCIMAK): 12PM to 3PM

AUGUST

- 6 - 7: National Lighthouse Weekend at SCIM & PPLM | 10AM to 5PM
- 7: Dinner & a Cruise | 4PM to 8PM
- 9 - 11: St. Clement's Island Museum Art Kids (SCIMAK) | 12PM to 3PM
- 13: Conversations & a Cruise | 9AM to 10AM
- 20: Children's Day at St. Clement's Island Museum | 11AM to 2PM

SEPTEMBER

- 5: Labor Day | SCIM, PPLM & OJM open 10AM to 5PM
- 10 - 11: MD Lighthouse Challenge | 6AM to 6PM
- 11: Dinner & a Cruise | 2PM to 6PM
- 22 - 25: St. Mary's County Fair | Friends & Division Table
- 24: Southern Maryland Roots Youth Group at St. Clement's Island

5. ADJOURN

A. Announcements, Clarifications or Questions

B. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: September 12, 2022

C. Adjournment: 9:56am

- Motion by Michael Brown
- Seconded by Jeanette Pettit
- Approved unanimously