

Board of Trustees - Museum Division (Monday, May 8, 2023)

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1. CALL TO ORDER - Laura Friess at 8:46 am

- A. Establish Quorum
- B. Moment of Silence
- C. Pledge of Allegiance

2. ROLL CALL

A. Roll Call

- Present: Laura Friess, Robin Finnacom, Conner Wolfe, Regina Faden, Michael Brown, Lynn Fitrell, Karla Langhus, Catherine Bowes, Karen Stone (for County)
- Absent: Jeannett Pettit, Michael Blackwell

B. Approval of Minutes from March 13, 2023 Meeting

- Fitrell moves to accept minutes
- Langhus seconds
- Motion approved unanimously

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Museum Division & Friends Updates - Karen Stone

- Highlights of March
 - Maryland Day was held indoors due to cold and rain: 110 at ceremony, 40+ at Mass, many children at story time
 - Division is partnering with the Historical Society to host Preservation MD pop-up office in November
 - Division had a table at the Cherry Blossom Festival
 - Received agreement for water taxi EDA grant
 - Division Manager gave a presentation at the Leonardtown Library about MD Day
 - New web page for the Division went live ("more pictures, less words" and the ability to choose a site to see the events at that site)
- Highlights of April
 - First Landing Wine & Arts Festival held indoors (windy & rainy & no power at first): 210 attended
 - The Huseman house has been razed; DNR working on new lease which will extend property boundaries
 - Blackstone Lighthouse volunteer training session was held in preparation for the season. Online volunteer training has improved process, "easier"
 - Division Manager was chosen as one of five Faces of Maryland Tourism for 2023
 - Video will appear on MD Tourism Coalition social media pages week of May 8
 - Three staff members attended the College of SOMD Nonprofit Institute annual conference
 - Division, through the Friends organization, arranged to have an ad on the Leonardtown trolley all summer
 - Black Diamond Civil War Weekend was rainy on Saturday; ceremony went well on Sunday
 - Division Manager has been asked to write another article for America's Civil War magazine, which will publish this fall (concerning attack on the lighthouse as related by lighthouse keeper Capt. John Goldsmith)

B. St. Clement's Island Museum Building Plans Updates - Karen Stone

- There is progress toward putting new building out for bids
- Landscape Plan has been accepted; waiting for final permit from Soil Conservation

C. Department of Recreation & Parks Update - Karen Stone (for Arthur Shepherd)

- Jessica Hale has been named Deputy Director

D. Bylaws Committee - Lynn Fitrell

- Lynn reviewed work of ByLaws Committee with Board of Trustees who provided a number of suggestions.
- Discussion around composition
- Lynn agreed to incorporate the suggestions into the document and have the Board review a final time in advance of the next meeting's vote to approve.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Attendance

- Laura discussed expectations for attendance at Board meetings.
- Encouraged current members to encourage new memberships.

5. ADJOURN

A. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: July 17, 2023

B. Upcoming Events

C. Adjournment

- Finnacom motioned to adjourn
- Brown seconded
- Motion passes unanimously