

Board of Trustees - Museum Division (Monday, July 17, 2023)

1. CALL TO ORDER (8:45 a.m.)

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

2. ROLL CALL

A. Roll Call

- Introduction of new member, Lilyanne Ohanesian
- Present: Present: Laura Friess, Jeannett Pettit, Conner Wolfe (virtually), Michael Brown, Catherine Bowes, Karla Langhus, Lynn Fitrell, Lilyanne Ohanesian, Michael Blackwell
- Absent: Robin Finnacom, Regina Faden
- Staff: Karen Stone, Arthur Shepherd

B. Approval of Minutes from May 8, 2023 Meeting

- Motion by Lynn Fitrell
- Seconded by Jeannett Pettit
- Passes unanimously

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Museum Division & Friends Updates

- Southern Maryland National Heritage Area launch event was held in May; attended by 6 museum division staff members
- The Division has Solargraph (a photographic proves that shows the progress of the sun over an area in a set time frame) images of the Piney Point Lighthouse to use as they see fit; they might possibly be printed and offered for sale.
- Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival is over and successful; everything was completed except the final sunset cruise (cancelled due to weather)
- The new 1105 submarine model is on display at Piney Point; the bell and snorkel will go on display soon.
- Maryland Heritage Area gave the majority of grants to urban areas this year, so we did not receive anything from that fund.
- The specs for the new water taxi have been submitted for approval, with federal funding helping to pay for it.
- Working with Maryland Department of Natural Resources on the pier repairs at St. Clements Island to make them ADA accessible.
- The cannon that was in front of the Old Jail Museum has been sent for restoration; in the future, it is recommended to be stored inside and so may finally end in the new St Clement's Island Museum, which would be appropriate because it originally came from the Dove.
- November 1st – Emancipation Day – plans are underway for a ceremony to dedicate brass plaques to the 5 Freedom Seekers held in the Leonardtown Jail in the 19th century

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

- The division is moving forward on the new building. Working to get bid documents ready, which will go out late summer to early fall. Bids will be accepted, and progress will continue over the winter.

C. Department of Recreation & Parks Update

- Signed a one-year lease extension on Lancaster Park in order to prepare for another long-term lease, with the stipulation that the playground could be replaced with a more accessible version.
- Went to closing on the recreation facility at Willows Road, with a general contractor preparing to do renovations on the building.

D. Bylaws Committee - DEI Statement

- There was discussion of it at the last meeting; we will revisit next time and vote on a final version of the bylaws.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Compliance Report

- Laura received a form from the county about what we owe them as an organization and found that we are in compliance.

B. Strategic Plan

- Conner Wolfe has asked, "Does the Board need to do anything to help move forward on accomplishment of the goals?" Karen indicates that most are accomplished by daily operations, but it would be helpful if on Page 10 we looked at the ongoing goals to provide reminders for action.

5. ADJOURN

A. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: September 11, 2023

B. Upcoming Events

July

18-21: Outdoor Adventure |Piney Point
25-27: St. Clements Museum Art Kids | SCIM

August

3: Historic Skill Set Social Hour: Kid's Sewing |Old Jail Museum
4: First Friday, Leonardtown | Old Jail Museum
5: Drayden School House Open House
5-6: National Lighthouse Weekend |SCIM, PP
6: Dinner & a cruise | SCIM
8-10: St. Clements Island Museum Art Kids | SCIM
10: Historic Skill Set Social Hour: Kid's Sewing | Old Jail Museum
12: Second Saturdays | Piney Point
17: Historic Skill Set Social Hour: Kid's Sewing | Old Jail Museum
19: Children's Day | SCIM

C. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Lynn Fitrell
- Seconded by Karla Langhus
- Passes unanimously