

## **Board of Trustees - Museum Division (Monday, January 8, 2024)**

Room 14, Potomac Building, Leonardtown

### 1. CALL TO ORDER: 8:43 a.m.

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

### 2. ROLL CALL

#### A. Roll Call

- Members Present: Laura Friess, Lynn Fitrell, Kate Ross, Lilyanne Ohanesian, Robin Finnacom, Karla Langhus, Kathy Bailey, Conner Wolfe, Michael Brown, Michael Blackwell
- Staff Present: Karen Stone, Arthur Shepherd

#### B. Approval of Minutes from November 6, 2023 Meeting

- Motion by Lynn Fitrell
- Seconded by Mike Brown
- Passed unanimously

### 3. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. St. Mary's County Museum Division & Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Museums Updates

##### November

- Old Jail Museum was open for Leonardtown tree lighting
- Piney Point held its Holiday Open House (41 attended, 106 in 2022)
- Division held its bi-annual Social Justice event at the Old Jail Museum – dedication of Stopping Stones
- Friends hired an Admin Assistant; new 10-hour per week position
- Hosted Preservation Maryland's pop-up office event at Old Jail Museum
- Continuing to work with Historic St. Mary's City on burials at Chancellors Point

##### December

- Piney Point held its first Countdown to Noon event (sold out at 36 attended)
- SCIM held its Holiday Open House (94 attended, 150 attended in 2022)
- Friends received a \$10,000 general operation support SHINE grant
- Continuing to work with SOMD 250th Committee on events that will begin this April

##### Coming up:

- Jan 23 - Targeting Lighthouses: Civil War on the Potomac River (Leonardtown Library, 6pm)
- Jan 27 - Appraiser Fair (St. Clement's Island Museum, 10am-3pm)
- Feb: USCT Interpretive Center will be open every Wednesday and Saturday (10am-2pm)
- Feb: Drayden African American Schoolhouse will be open every Saturday (11am-2pm)
- Feb 9 - Community Day at St. Clement's Island Museum & Piney Point
- Feb 10 - Community Conversation with Mediation Center at USCT Interpretive Center
- Feb 24 - Moll Dyer Day (Old Jail Museum)

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

- Plans have been approved grading permits completed, looking to go to bid in the next few months with construction to begin in 2025 and to last 12 months

#### C. St. Mary's County Department of Recreation & Parks Update

- The current water taxi lost its engine and is old; Karen got a federal grant for new, larger accessible water taxi, with no match required. The bid process has been complicated but is complete. The new taxi should be ready by 2025, with the old one serving until then. The new one should be approved to go further into the Potomac, rather than staying in the St. Clement's channel
- Another vessel that will be multipurpose is being funded at \$700,000 with the St. Clement's Hundred that will be able to carry people but also large equipment to the Island. It will allow more people to get to and from the Island, rather than leasing a vessel on high traffic days
- The playground at Lancaster Park has been completed
- The Arts Council has selected three finalists for the mural at the Passive Park
- The \$10,000 grant planning with the Arts Council for developing art in the parks has been completed, with projects to be started

#### D. St. Mary's County Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

- Will be submitted on Friday the 13, with this Board's recently-completed letter of support included, especially for a permanent exhibition honoring African-American contributions to the county

E. Recruitment

- We have one open position, so we should be looking for interested people

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Elections

- A slate of nominees was submitted by Lynn Fitrell: President Conner Wolfe, Vice President Mike Brown, Secretary Michael Blackwell
- Second by Lilyanne Ohanesian
- No volunteers stepping forward, the slate was approved unanimously

B. Annual Report

- To be completed and submitted for approval by the end of January. It can be completed via email.

5. ADJOURN

A. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: March 11, 2024 (at 8:30 a.m.)

B. Upcoming Events

**January**

27 Jan: Appraiser Fair @SCIM

**February**

2 Feb: Old Jail Museum Open, First Friday

3 Feb: Black History Month Open House @ US Colored Troops Interpretive Center

9 Feb: Community Day @ SCIM, PPLM

10 Feb: public meeting moderated by the Mediation Center at the Interpretive Center in Lancaster Park from 2 to 5 pm

C. Adjournment

- Motion by Lynn Fitrell
- Seconded by Karla Langhus
- Passed unanimously