

Alexandria Historical Society Board Meeting

February 7, 2017

Alexandria Black History Museum

Previously Announced Absences: Patrick

Current Absence: Jackie (through Audrey)

Late: Jim, Julia (came from Richmond)

Left Early-Audrey, Caroline

Call to Order: Debbie Ackerman at 6:35pm

Approval of Board Minutes: October Minutes: already approved by email

-November Minutes: approved

Board Member Reports

Vice-President: Audrey Davis- Next lecture March 22 – James Bartlinski – WWI Lloyd Schaeffer lecture

April 26 -History Awards

April – Whiskey Tasting and Private Tour of Mount Vernon – Thursday, the 6th

Discussion of Event-50-100 people, \$30 – depend on cost opening to everyone or member only, possible ticket to slave exhibit, 5:30 – 7:30; Audrey will collaborate with Mount Vernon about details

-May and June lectures scheduled

Treasurer: Tal Day- 2 endowments doing well

Debbie and Tal signed formal papers

New Business:

1) Nominating Committee-Debbie, Audrey, Tal, Mark- Interviewed 2 people.

Ginny Hamill – will fill vacancy ending in June 2018

Steve Kimbel – will fill vacancy ending in June 2017

Last possible vacant position will remain open until June 2017

Kristyn Moon has accepted for three-year open seat beginning in July 2017

Ginny was an editor at the Washington Post. She subsequently worked as an editor for a consulting firm and is now retired. She will take over duties as editor of the Chronicle. She has been meeting with Linda Greenberg to learn the editing process. Tal and Ginny have discussed ways to improve the

publication. Two articles about Alexandria will likely be published this year. Catherine Weinraub's articles on Friendship Firehouse will be edited with the goal of publishing in 2018.

Ginny will provide an update on the article stream at the March meeting of the Board.

Steve – Huntley Friend Member, Fairfax Archaeology; Apothecary Board, Carlyle docent, HARC

Tal discussed there is no formal procedure to fill vacancies; We will have to add amendment to bylaw

Motion made to fill the two open vacancies; Motion voted on and approved

- 2) Fairfax Genealogical Society Spring Conference- Debbie
AHS will not send a representative
- 3) AHS Archives: Brief discussion of where to house these in the future. Either public access or storage facility.

Committee Reports

Membership/Direct Mail-Mark Whatford-186 members, email went out in December. 20% Turnover

The Chronicle-Tal – see prior entry

Publicity-Jim – needs to write release. Already have information. Press release 3 weeks, 1 week, banner Thursday before

Correspondence- Tal advised Patrick that Tal handled the genealogy request because Tal knew a way to work through an intermediary to determine if the family wished to be in contact with the person making the inquiry. Patrick did not handle the inquiry.

Alexandria Archaeological Commission-Katy – City adopted strategic plan to include Waterfront Historic Plan

Hospitality-March 22 – Patrick volunteered to do refreshments for March. Debbie asked for another volunteer and Jim offered. He noted that he has some bottles of wine in his office left from last event; Debbie stated that she and Julia will be doing refreshments for April event

Adults Awards – Julia – solicitation awards letter went out. Will contact people in a couple of weeks to be on nominating committee

Speakers will be Luke Pecoraro, Director of Archaeology and Jessie Macleod, Associate Curator of "Our Lives Bound Together" at Mt Vernon

Julia delivered check to Lance Mallamo from October event.

Adjourned at 7:37pm