

## Alexandria Historical Society

June 12, 2018 Board Meeting Notes

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Not Attending: Tal Day, Caroline English, Katy Cannady, Ginny Hamill, Catherine Weinraub, Julia Randle

Welcome to Elizabeth Peckham new Board member who attended this meeting.

1. The Board approved the May 8 board meeting notes.
2. May Event Debrief—*Rosenwald* documentary and “Exploring the Covert Capital”  
Krystyn and Audrey reported *Rosenwald* was very well attended; working with OHA to show at T C Williams and possibly other high schools. Krystyn noted that T C Williams is literally on the footprint of where the Rosenwald sponsored school in Alexandria had been. Andrew Friedman’s lecture “Exploring the Covert Capital” was very well received and attended. His topic is deep and rich and we could invite him again as he continues to do research on decolonization of metro DC with possible emphasis on Vietnamese and other groups.
3. What’s coming up?  
June 27 – Exploring the History of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.  
**ACTION:** Patrick will follow-up with Catherine on graphics from Tim Winkle and whether he will use powerpoint. There is a discrepancy with the admission charge for non-members posted on our website at \$10 and actual at \$5. This will be handled at the door.
4. Fall 2018 Program Discussion  
Sept 26 – Harlem’s Rattlers and the Great War: The Undaunted 369<sup>th</sup> Regiment and the African American Quest for Equality, Jeffrey Sammons Professor of History, co-sponsored with the Black Heritage Museum of Arlington and with Arlington’s WW I Commemoration Task Force. Audrey reported that Dr. Sammons is asking for a higher honorarium even though he had agreed months ago to our standard. The co-sponsoring groups will provide food. The Black Heritage Museum is relatively new and cannot, they indicate, provide financial support.  
**ACTION:** AHS Board members voted to support Dr. Sammons with a \$250 honorarium and an additional \$250 for transportation and overnight accommodations for a total NTE of \$500. Further, Audrey will have the flexibility to allocate that \$500 however she sees fit. We agreed that the drop dead date for Dr. Sammons to agree to these terms must be NLT June 30 to allow us to move forward with a plan B if need be for Sept program.

Oct 24 – The Grand Review: Civil War Photography – Discoveries and Explorations, Bob Zeller, co-sponsored with the Friends of Fort Ward. Confirmed that this will be a non-charge to non-members event. Will use Eventbrite for registration as was done for Rosenwald because of NTE 140 possible attendance at Lyceum.

Debbie reported on the possible GW garden program. Owner of the house and garden has agreed that an AHS members only event (not to exceed 20 to 25 people) in October is good.

**ACTION:** Debbie will confirm date NLT end of July. Details will be carried in the Fall program postcard, etc.

**ACTION:** Mark will produce a postcard starting in late August for Fall program events and will need confirmation of titles, dates, any costs, etc.

5. Spring 2019 Program Discussion - Need to plan events for March 27, April 24 (AHS Award Event), May 22, and June 26

**ACTION:** Audrey will pull together the Program Committee in July to brainstorm and target programs for Spring 2019. The Program Committee includes Audrey, Mark, Jackie, Krystyn, Debbie and welcomes new members. If you are interested, contact Audrey so that you are invited to the July brainstorm. Some topics brainstormed very briefly at the Board meeting – the boats unearthed at the waterfront and Women’s Suffrage.

6. The Chronicle – update

Congratulations to Tal and Ginny on publishing two Chronicles this past Spring. There had been interest from the Gazette in publishing the sewerage articles, Tal thought that was not a good idea.

Tal has started to work on contacting potential authors for 2018/19 Chronicle. One concept is to have a shorter article on some aspect of special collections at the Alexandria Public Library. Krystyn mentioned some of the papers and archives of Kate Waller Barrett housed at the library that bears her name. Kate Waller Barrett’s life spanned the mid-19<sup>th</sup> through the first quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. She earned a MD degree and was a prominent humanitarian, philanthropist, social reformer and social reformer.

Also we had a spirited discussion about possible longer article. Tal has contacted Dan Lee about writing an immigration piece. It was noted that Dan Lee is now researching the Murray-Dick-Fawcett House (also called the Reeder House) and that topic would be of interest to Society members.

7. New Website - update

Krystyn and Caroline have been working on the new website. Krystyn indicated that most of the new site is built but that they need help with membership and plug-ins for events and registration.

**ACTION:** Patrick made a motion seconded by Krystyn to hire a contractor at a NTE \$2,500 amount to complete the building of the website. The Board approved.

Caroline has sent out a proposal and a person living near Gettysburg will finish the work and train AHS on how to use and maintain.

Meanwhile, we will update membership that a new site is coming. Membership renewal will proceed as normal. The new site should be available during the summer.

8. Treasurer’s report – was sent out electronically by Caroline. Thank you.

9. All other

- a. Correspondence – Steve filed an electronic report
- b. HARC – elected not to have a verbal report due to time constraints
- c. Membership – Mark filed an electronic report, 208 members

10. Status of Board Members and filling “jobs”

We briefly discussed the jobs we need to fill. The follow-up is:

- a. AHS Newsletter Editor = Elizabeth Peckham
- b. Webmaster = Erin Bush - provisionally until Krystyn confirms with Erin
- c. Correspondence including Social Media = Steve Kimbel
- d. Membership = Caroline possibly with Francine Bromberg - to be confirmed by Audrey
- e. HARC representative = Severiano Ortiz - to be confirmed by Patrick
- f. Publicity = To Be Determined