

# Alexandria Historical Society Board Meeting

November 13, 2018, 6:30-7:30pm, Black History Museum

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Attending: Debbie Ackerman, Audrey Davis, Caroline English, Steve Kimbel, Krystyn Moon, Severiano Ortiz, Elizabeth Peckham, Catherine Weinraub (notes)

Not attending: Fran Bromberg (was on phone), Erin Bush, Katy Cannady, Tal Day, Ginny Hamill, Patrick Ladden, Julia Randle

Began 6:33pm

1. **Approve October 9 board meeting notes-Steve motioned and Severiano seconded. All approved.**
2. **October events debrief**
  - a. October 18<sup>th</sup> event – Garcia / Washington townhome – Sold out. Fourteen outsiders, rest were members. Guests enjoyed it. Debbie wrote a thank you.
  - b. October 24: Bob Zeller’s “The Grand Review” – Wonderful, great, lot of fun, almost filled up seats. Well-paced. Speaker was clearly passionate. Got new memberships off event.
    - Wally Owen is a similar speaker and may have to think about him for the 2019/2020 program year.
3. **Plans for Spring 2019**
  - a. **March 27<sup>th</sup>** – received pictures, all set
  - b. **April 24<sup>th</sup>** - Will start things rolling after the New Year
  - c. **May 22<sup>nd</sup>** - received pictures, all set
  - d. **June 26<sup>th</sup>** – Some concerned title should bring in the ships found. After checking with the speaker, the title will stay, but she will tie in the ships
  - e. Another program idea – September 2019 is 5-year anniversary of African American Cemetery. Char Bah has a new book too.
  - f. Think of Film Nights at the Lyceum (e.g. *The Woman in the Iron Coffin*)
4. **T. Michael Miller Award** – Is in process
5. **Chronicle Update** – Krystyn is waiting for edits and it should be ready to send out
6. **Newsletter Update** – Although usually no Newsletter till March, it was decided to send out a one-page letter to ask for donations. We agreed to have tax donation information included. Catherine will send photos to Elizabeth and Debbie will get permission from parents of students to see if we can use group shot from Awards Night in April.
7. **Treasure Report** – Can see on spreadsheet, account went down. Final website payment, honorariums, and recordings, affected our accounts plus the stock market went down. The audit has been submitted. Looking to January to see if accounts need to be shifted around. We will start to solicit members for donations without changing our status. Eventually, we would like to add a donate button to the website.
8. **Correspondence** – Steve will check in with Garrett Fesler with Section 106 before every meeting. Facebook is picking up likes.
9. **HARC** – the committee recommended naming Waterfront Park NOT after a person, and one name for both parks based on a geographical feature. The sewage storage tanks for the city are

going 150 feet under the river and can be seen on [riverrenew.com](http://riverrenew.com). Windmill Hill Park at Ford's Landing is finished and is opening Saturday, November 17. The Metro will be out of service all next summer. Sev suggested to HARC to bring the water taxi service here during rush hour. The HARC holiday party is December 18, and City Council is coming. Krystyn is creating a flyer to give to City Council related to Zachary Schrag's talk on the history of the metro.

**10. Archaeology** – Update next meeting

NEXT BOARD MEETING – February 12, 6:30pm, phone conference, Severiano sending out conference call information

Debbie motioned to adjourn; Caroline seconded; All approved

Meeting adjourned 7:39pm