

Alexandria Historical Society

October 9, 2018 Board Meeting Notes

Attending:, Erin Bush, Audrey Davis, Tal Day, Ginny Hamill, Krystyn Moon, Elizabeth Peckham, Steve Kimbel, Patrick Ladden (notes)

Not Attending: Debbie Ackerman, Francine Bromberg, Katy Cannady, Caroline English, Severiano Ortiz, Julia Randle, Catherine Weinraub

Krystyn briefly accounted for the large number of absences. Katy and Catherine are recovering from surgeries, Francine is receiving an award tonight, etc.

1. The September 2018 board meeting notes were approved.
2. September debrief – Jeffrey Sammons’ lecture. Professor Sammons talk was well researched but his presentational style was wanting. Attendance was not as robust as expected, which could have been tied to the constant rain. Suggestions for improvement included seeking only one other co-sponsor/group.

One action: we need to follow up with one of our co-sponsors who sent less money than originally agreed upon.

3. Upcoming Events
 - a. October 18, 6:30 pm: house tour is **fully subscribed** and there is a short waiting list.
 - b. October 24: Bob Zeller’s “The Grand Review: Civil War Photography – Discoveries and Explorations,” co-sponsored with the Friends of Fort Ward and OHA. Presentation will be akin to a 3-D stereoscopic view of photos from the Civil War. **“SOLD OUT” as of October 10, 2018.**
4. Plans for Spring 2019 for the following dates March 27, April 24 (AHS Award Event), May 22, and June 26. Several possibilities are being pursued, including:
 - i. Zachary Schrag, A History of the Washington Metro, GMU professor;
 - ii. Cynthia Kierner, GMU professor, perhaps a topic such as Virginia women in early American history;
 - iii. Eleanor Breen, city archaeologist, on the discoveries at the waterfront;
 - iv. Other topics may be pursued.

ACTIONS

1. Audrey will ascertain interest, availability, etc. for any of these possible speakers to match up with AHS dates.
2. As the speakers become confirmed, Audrey will communicate the information to other AHS members such as Tal and *The Chronicle*. The agreed upon date to publish this info in *The Chronicle* was established as November 12.

5. *The Chronicle* update: Tal received a longer article authored by Carter Refo on the Lee Fendall house and the Lees of Virginia as the lead piece for the upcoming Fall issue. The article is in edit. Krystyn expressed several points including the inclusion of the family's involvement in slavery and relevant historiography on Confederate memorialization.

Dan Lee's work on immigration has been moved to the Spring issue.

Cost to produce 2 issues w/ 250 cc print and mailing to roughly 190 addressees is \$1,000 for the year. Tal does a lot of the design and layout in-house.

6. Newsletter update: Elizabeth has prepared the next newsletter with Krystyn's and Patrick's help. It is in draft form and will be published soon.
7. Treasurer Report: a detailed report was sent in advance.
8. Membership Report: a detailed report was sent in advance.
9. Correspondence Report and Lafayette Heritage Trail:

Steve had reported last month on the efforts to create a heritage trail of Lafayette's return to America in the early 19th C. This was discussed and the action is for Steve to get this before OHA.

Steve also made the following proposal in his written report filed with all AHS board members and it was approved at the meeting. "Regarding Section 106 filings, since we have representation on the Alexandria Archaeology Commission and a relationship with the Old & Historic Alexandria District (OHAD) Board of Architectural Review; and since all Section 106 applications are reviewed by Dr. Garrett Fesler for Alexandria Archaeology, I propose that we no longer respond to the several applications received every month, but only react should our representative bring to the Board's attention a Section 106 application that Alexandria Archaeology and or OHAD deems a threat to an archaeological site or historic structure." Approved.

Steve needs access to Twitter and Facebook to manage any correspondence through our social media.

The meeting adjourned.