

**Alexandria Historical Society****Board Meeting**Tuesday, June 11

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Attending: Debbie Ackerman, Francine Bromberg, Katy Cannady, Tal Day, Ginny Hamill, Krystyn Moon, Elizabeth Peckham, Steve Kimbel, Patrick Ladden (notes), Severiano Ortiz, also attending as an observer Nate Sleeter (new board member for 2019/20)

Not Attending: Erin Bush, Audrey Davis, Caroline English, Julia Randle, Catherine Weinraub

1. The May 2019 board meeting notes were approved with one correction to the notes regarding the last item: Severiano Ortiz will remain the AHS HARC representative.
2. Debrief from Cindy Kierner's Talk: speaker was good; attendance was lower than hoped for; unfortunately, this lecture was not recorded as our videographer was unavailable.
3. Membership Renewals
  - a. Updates to Website: our contractor will make the changes agreed upon so that renewal through the website will be easier.
  - b. Send out Notices: Krystyn indicated there are three type of payments from our membership that we need to anticipate; accommodating those types of payments and our web software is paramount. Krystyn is working with Caroline, our web contractor to smooth this out. Sev will be added to approvals thru Burke and Herbert Bank as the incoming Treasurer for 2019/20.
4. Publicity
  - a. June 26 - Eleanor Breen, "The Early History of Seaport Alexandria: New Insights from Archaeology": Francine has notified Dan (OHA media person) and will double check with him; she has contacted the Gazette and Alexandria Times with notifications as well.
5. Newsletter Update: Elizabeth reported the next newsletter is about half to mostly completed. She needs approvals for the Awards photos in order to publish them and requested that Debbie forward to her the correspondence with the missing approvals. For the Fall and into Winter next year, Elizabeth plans on doing some interviews with board members to continue to acquaint membership with board members.
6. Chronicle Update: Tal welcomes submittals/suggestions for the Fall Chronicle for the longer and the shorter article which comprise an issue. Discussion included: a possible article from Krystyn for the shorter piece, Krystyn indicated perhaps an article on Harriet Williams (spelling?); there was a wide-ranging discussion sparked by Katy on Quakers and their place in the community of Alexandria.

Francine will send a link to Tal about a possible contributor on Quakers.

7. Program Plans for 2019- 2020
  - a. September 25 - Char Bah's "They Came for Freedom"
  - b. October 23 - Doug Sanford's "Virginia Slave Housing"
  - c. March 2020 - Tom Foster's "Founding Fathers, Sexuality, and Public Memory"
  - d. Ivy Hill AHS Members-Only Event – a target/suggested date of May 7, 2020 @ 6pm was proposed. Catherine will confirm or suggest an alternative based on discussions with Ivy Hill
  - e. May 2020 - Rabbi David Sprinrad's "Jewish Immigration to Alexandria"
  - f. June 2020 - History of Masonic Memorial with access to Fourth Floor
8. Treasurer Report: no report
9. Correspondence: Steve provided a written report in advance
10. HARC: no report
11. Archaeology: Katy reported on the City Council's vote to allow the Hugo Black house renovation project on S. Lee Street to proceed. The City Council voted to affirm the Board of Architectural Review's Feb 6 decision to approve partial demolition, additions and alterations. The project has attracted opposition from several historic preservation organizations including The Historic Alexandria Foundation. Supreme Court Justice Black placed a historic preservation easement on the property which is held by the Virginia Board of Historic Resources.
12. Other business:
 

Taking up some old business, the AHS Board heard from Steve Kimbel, its Corresponding Member, regarding his previously approved suggestion that the regular updates to the Board regarding Section 106 applications involving possible damage to historic resources and archaeological sites be taken over by the AHS representative to the Alexandria Archaeological Commission, Katy Cannady.

With the Board's approval of the transfer, a letter was sent to Katy and copied to Dr. Garrett Fesler, the Alexandria city employee responsible for reviewing and responding to Section 106 applications, please see attached copy of the letter.