

Alexandria Historical Society
Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 12

Attending: Francine Bromberg, Severiano Ortiz, Krystyn Moon, Ginny Hamill, Debbie Ackerman, Audrey Davis, Katy Cannady

Not Attending: Patrick Ladden, Catherine Weinrab, Tal Day, Caroline English, Mike Reynolds, Steve Kimbel, Elizabeth Peckham, Julia Randle, Erin Bush

Prospective Board Members: Nate Sleeter, Michael Reynolds, and Spencer Mills

1. The June 2019 board meeting notes were approved with no corrections to the notes.
 - a. We plan to have the election of the new board members and officers at the September 2019 AHS lecture
2. Debrief from Eleanor Breen's Talk: speaker was hugely popular with 100+ attendees. Plan to ask Breen to return and give an updated talk on the waterfront.
3. Membership Renewals & Treasurer Report
 - a. We have had over 90+ renewals this summer with a handful of new members. Many of the members who signed up on the old website migrated to our Wordpress site.
 - b. Also create an envelope for members to use at events to renew/join.
4. Publicity
 - a. Local Newspapers & OHA—Press releases should go out in the next week or so.
 - b. Social Media—Weekly posts on Facebook and Twitter for our upcoming event.
5. Newsletter Update—The newsletter was sent out over the previous weekend. There was an issue with MailChimp and sending a PDF, so we have to use traditional email. Plan to figure out what the problem is, or find an alternative.
6. Chronicle Update—Tal is working with an author on a short essay on Nordic immigration during World War I. He's also waiting to hear about another essay on Quakers in Alexandria.
7. Plans for 2019- 2020
 - a. Char Bah's "They Came for Freedom" (September 25)
 - i. Board approved videotaping this talk; need to ask Bah for permission.

- b. Doug Sanford's "Virginia Slave Housing" (October 23)
 - c. Tom Foster's "Founding Fathers, Sexuality, and Public Memory" (March 2020)
 - d. Ivy Hill AHS Members-Only Event (May 7, 2020 at 6PM)
 - e. Rabbi David Sprinrad's "Jewish Immigration to Alexandria" (May 2020)
 - f. History of Masonic Memorial with access to Fourth Floor (June 2020)
8. Correspondence
- a. No report
9. HARC
- a. Space usage in City Hall
 - b. NOVA Regional Park Authority and the future of the Bank of Alexandria building
 - c. Future of Ross building owned by Christ Church
 - d. Redevelopment of the Old Ramsey Warehouse into restaurants
10. Archaeology
- a. Reviewed the Interpretative plan for Fort Ward