

Board of Trustees - Museum Division

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Call to Order
- 8:47 a.m.

B. Moment of Silence

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Welcome - New Piney Point Site Manager, Ken Burke; new Education Programming Coordinator, Sara Saunders; and, new Fundraising Coordinator, Zach Steele

2. ROLL CALL

A. Roll Call

- Present: Lynn Fitrell, Mike Brown, Walter Boswell, Laura Friess, Robin Finnacom, Catherine Bowes, Amy Davis, Michael Blackwell
- For County: Karen Stone, Ken Burke, and Arthur Shepherd

B. Approval of Minutes from March 14, 2022 Meeting

- Motion by Laura Friess
- Seconded by Robin Finnacom
- Accepted unanimously

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. MOU - Museum Division / Friends

B. Update on Strategic Plan (to be presented prior to next meeting for vote in July)

- Karla Langhus: the plan will be distributed ahead of the next meeting to allow for a vote.

C. Update on St. Clement's Island Museum Building Plans

- There is a budget shortfall for the construction and the Division is seeking more money. COVID and various other changes have raised the cost, and \$1.9 million more is needed. There is another budget work session on 5/10 to discuss adding funds.
- The nearby building that was purchased by the county has a severe structural issue and will be torn down; the lot will be used for additional parking.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Introduction & Brief Comments by New Staff Members

- Ken Burke, new manager of Piney Point Lighthouse and Museum, who has some 30 years' experience in museums, introduced himself and discussed his background. He discussed the need for additional training and opportunities for feedback from staff and volunteers, the need for building volunteer corps back up after the pandemic, and his initial thoughts on the museums.

B. St. Mary's County Museum Division Update

- The Division has been busy with many well-attended events
- Sponsorships for Jazz Festival coming in
- We hope that an all-inclusive museum pass will become available for sale at Bed & Breakfasts
- Dinner & Cruise events have started and are sold out through October
- A Chamber Business After Hours event was attended by 35
- Maryland is putting in \$1 million to repair docks on St. Clements Island
- Several grants have been earned
- Vintage boats as well as vintage cars will be on display at RetroFest at Piney Point

C. Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Museums and Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival Update

D. Upcoming Events

Leondartown First Fridays each month | Old Jail Museum open 10PM to 7PM

Drayden African American Schoolhouse first Saturday each month | open 11AM to 2PM

MAY

18: "Special Nights at the Museums" at St. Clement's Island Museum | 5PM to 7PM

21: Armed Forces Day (Free admission for military personnel & families w/ ID at SCIM & PPLM)

15: Dinner & a Cruise | 4PM to 8PM

30: Memorial Day | SCIM, PPLM & OJM open 10AM to 5PM

JUNE

4: RetroFest on the Potomac | 11AM to 5PM

11: Conversations & a Cruise | 9AM to 10AM
12: Dinner & a Cruise | 4PM to 8PM
18 – 19: Juneteenth Event in Lexington Park | Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival Table
18 - 20: Drayden African American Schoolhouse Open for Juneteenth Weekend | 11AM to 2PM
19: Father's Day (Free admission for dads at SCIM & PPLM)
20: Juneteenth Observed | SCIM, PPLM & OJM open 10AM to 5PM
21 - 23: St. Clement's Island Museum Art Kids (SCIMAK):| 12PM to 3PM
25: St. Clement's Island Heritage Day | 10AM to 3PM

JULY

4: Fourth of July | SCIM, PPLM & OJM open 10AM to 5PM
5 - 7: St. Clement's Island Museum Art Kids (SCIMAK) | 12PM to 3PM
8-10: Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival Weekend; Leonardtown and SCIM

E. Department of Recreation & Parks Update

- Soil erosion control project in Piney Point is underway and we are working with the neighbors to keep them aware of what is happening. The pier there is still in need of repairs.
- Arthur is meeting with DNR about building the dock and kayak launch at Snow Hill.
- The accreditation process is ongoing, and accreditation meetings are scheduled; the department is expected to be accredited.
- The Lexington Park Passive Park is being heavily used, with new play and exercise equipment having been installed. Streetlights full access paving will be installed soon.
- Arthur's last day is June 12.

F. Review of Boards & Commission Material

- Last week there was a training session for members of county boards. A binder was handed out. These materials will be shared but are too large for easy printing/sharing in this meeting.
- A discussion arose about how we can/should advise the county commissioners; Arthur suggested that for the last meeting of the year, we set buy vote top three priorities and send an email to the commissioners with those recommendations.
- When meeting at the museums, we need to make sure the meetings are open and are recorded, but meeting there is acceptable.

5. ADJOURN

A. Announcements, Clarifications or Questions

B. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

- July 18, 2022

C. Adjournment

- Adjourned at 10:02 a.m.
- Motion by Mike Brown
- Seconded by Laura Friess