

## Board of Trustees - Museum Division (Monday, November 7, 2022)

### 1. CALL TO ORDER: 8:45 a.m.

- A. Establish Quorum
- B. Moment of Silence
- C. Pledge of Allegiance

### 2. ROLL CALL

#### A. Roll Call & Introductions

- Members present: Lynn Fitrell, John Deatrick, Michael Brown, Jeanette Pettit, Laura Friess, Catherine Bowes, Robin Finnacom, Amy Davis, Karla Langhus
- Members absent: Regina Faden, Michael Blackwell
- Present for County: Karen Stone

#### B. Approval of Minutes from September 12, 2022 Meeting

- Motion to accept by Jeanette Pettit
- Second by Catherine Bowes
- All voted in favor

### 3. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Museum Division & Friends Updates: Karen Stone

- Lt. Governor visited St. Clement's Island as last visit to complete having visited every state park and wildlife management area in Maryland.
- Issue with foundation (asbestos) of Huseman House so it cannot be demolished at this time. Ongoing review of how to address this. Senator Jack Bailey assisted with getting the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) lease renewed.
- The new U-1105 Black Panther submarine exhibit will go up at Piney Point Lighthouse Museum in 2023, including a 6-foot-long model of the submarine, at a total cost of \$75,000 if grant funding is received.
- Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival 2023 in the works with tickets being made available in time for Christmas.
- RetroFest on the Potomac is being planned for September 2023 after being moved to June in 2022.
- New fundraising event is being planned by the Friends – a murder mystery dinner to be held at Old Breton Inn and a smaller one at Potomac Gardens.

#### B. St. Clement's Island Museum Building Plans Updates: Karen Stone

- St. Clement's Island Museum Building plans approved verbally by DNR – waiting for final signatures.
- Hoping for actual demolition and building to start in January.

#### C. Strategic Plan Final Review & Date for Commissioner Presentation: Lynn Fitrell

- A date to present plan to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County is not necessary once signed by Board of Trustees President and forwarded to Director of the St. Mary's County Department of Recreation & Parks.

#### D. Discussion of Division Needs for Possible Memo to Commissioners of St. Mary's County: Lynn Fitrell

- Lynn Fitrell reviewed the list of recommendations from last meeting.
- Discussion followed and consensus was that all items should be presented in the Memo in no particular order.
- Lynn Fitrell will write the memo with the assistance of Laura Friess and forward it to Director of the St. Mary's County Department of Recreation & Parks for review before forwarding it to the Commissioners.

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Nominating Committee Presentation on Potential Slate of Officers

- Nominating Committee of Jeannette Pettit, Regina Faden, Laura Friess met by phone.
- The following was presented as a motion by Jeanette Pettit:
  - President – Laura Friess
  - Vice President – Michael Brown
  - Secretary – Michael Blackwell
- Amy Davis seconded the motion.
- Passed unanimously.
- Lynn Fitrell congratulated those elected and thanked the committee members for their work and thanked all members for their ongoing support of the Museum Division, in general, and their commitment as members of the Board.

#### B. St. Mary's County Museum Division General Overview: Karen Stone

- See above Museum Division and Friends report plus see Museum Manager's report.

C. Department of Recreation & Parks Update: Arthur Shepherd

- The search for his replacement is ongoing.

5. ADJOURN

A. Announcements, Clarifications or Questions

- A copy of the 2023 schedule has been forwarded by email and a copy was made available at the meeting.

B. Upcoming Events

C. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

- January 9, 2023 at St. Clement's Island Museum (room 14 not available)

D. Adjournment

- Motion by Jeanette Pettit
- Second by Michael Brown
- Meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.