

HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY COMMISSION
September 22, 2018
MINUTES

Commission Members Present: Fr. Bill George, Commission Chair; Larry Leak, Commission Vice-Chair; J. Ernest Bell, Kelsey Bush, Michael Dougherty, John McAllister, HSMC Foundation President, Danielle Troyan

Commission Members Present Via Conference Call: Margaret McFarland

Staff: Regina Faden, Executive Director, Peter Friesen, Doug Hunter, Silas Hurry, Joe Kangas, Henry Miller, Travis Parno, Porzia Purves, Recording Secretary.

Guest: John Martin, John Slade, Tim Shepley

Guest via Phone: Ms. Elena Langrill, Assistant State's Attorney

Fr. George called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Fr. George called for the approval of the agenda as received. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Kelsey Bush, seconded by John McAllister. The **AGENDA WAS APPROVED.**

Fr. George asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of March 23, 2018. Motion by Ernie Bell, seconded by Michael Dougherty, **MOTION WAS APPROVED.**

Director's Report

Dr. Faden took the opportunity to thank the board for all their assistance, advice, and leadership. Dr. Faden asked Dr. Miller to brief the Commission on his proposal for the return of the Calvert's and all the other bodies back to their final resting place beneath the Chapel. The timing would be October 2020. The remains would be received by the *Maryland Dove*, sail down river, arriving at St. Mary's, lie in state at the State House and then receive a formal funeral and final interment. Dr. Miller will send the formal proposal to the board members. Ms. Troyan asked if we could involve the Smithsonian, National Geographic, the Discovery Channel and the local cable channel. Dr. Leak and Mr. Kummerow both stated this is a great idea.

Committee Reports:

Finance & Administration, chaired by Mike Dougherty

Mr. Dougherty explained that staff submitted an Over-the-Target request to the administration. If anyone has any influence with our elected officials, now is the time to be heard. Dr. Faden added we have been submitting OTR's for three years, and we are in need of positions and the funds to support them.

Governmental Affairs, chaired by Margaret McFarland

Ms. McFarland reported the following highlights: The meeting was attended by members of the Foundation, in addition the Foundation voted unanimously to sign Cornerstone to another year. The committee wants a prioritized list of needs to be brought to the governor. Dr. Faden reported that we had a visit from Terry Garrity, Executive Director of Capital Budgeting in DBM who is aware of the needs of HSMC and discussed \$500,000 in requests. We are also planning our legislative reception, but cannot secure a date until after election day.

Research chaired by Jean Russo

Dr. Parno reported on behalf of Chair Dr. Jean Russo. The Foundation matched grant funds to hire Dr. Tim Horsley for geophysical surveys to find evidence of the 1634 fort. Two of three phases have been completed. As yet, there are no signs of the Fort. The staff is applying for a non-capital grant through MHT to bring Dr. Horsley back to survey the chapel grave yard.

Dr. Faden reported Dr. Miller is working on the final needs for the Chapel. Mr. Kangas will put together a Request for Information to estimate costs to complete the Chapel. This will help wrap everything up and pull it all together for completion by October 2020 as discussed earlier. Fr. George stated it's important to show respect to those who are buried there, Mr. Bush added stories based on generalities will humanize the people buried there. Fr. George asked if we have details on the 70 people buried at the Chapel. We have details based on Dr. Doug Owsley's research.

Dr. Faden reported Ms. Mitchell is working on college projects, Mr. Hurry produced a book funded by the Foundation, Dr. Miller and Dr. Parno are editing up a book on 50 years of research at HSMC. The Ark & Dove Scholar is studying Jesuit history. Finally the staff is in the process of hiring a conservator.

Education & Marketing chaired by Danielle Troyan

Ms. Troyan reported the RFP for the new web site is moving forward and will be reviewed by staff and members of the Foundation. The review committee will determine the best companies to interview. Ms. Troyan added that during the committee meeting there was conversation regarding the name of the Woodland Indian Discovery day. The committee will meet to further discuss the possibility of changing the name of this event.

Foundation Report chaired by John McAllister, Foundation President

Mr. McAllister reported the Foundation will contract with Cornerstone Lobbying Firm for another year. This year we are asking for reports and have given them objectives. The Foundation has \$185K in restricted funds that no longer need to be held in reserve for the MHIC. These funds will be used to contract a development position, responsible for fundraising, planned giving, 1634 membership building, etc.

During the Foundation meeting this morning the board approved expenses for catering for upcoming events, wine for Madrigals, a new stage, and the website. Ms. Troyan asked about the up-work for the web design, Dr. Faden reported she wrote the RFP and then it went out on eMaryland Market Place.

Mr. Kummerow reported on the Maryland 400, \$7K has been raised. The kick of lectures have been set; information regarding the lectures are in the folders.

Father George asked the board to note the four upcoming meeting dates located on the bottom of the agenda. He also added we need to court members from the Eastern Shore to join 1634. Ms. Troyan asked the staff to send the skill set requirements to the boards.

Father George asked for a motion to adjourn, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Troyan at 11:05 a.m. and seconded by Mr. McAllister. The meeting was adjourned at 11:.05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Porzia Purves