MINUTES

Stenton Committee

Date | time 3/1/2018 10:00 AM | Meeting called to order by Kristin Cahn von Seelen, Stenton Committee Chair

# In Attendance

Kristin Cahn von Seelen (chair), Jane Foster Willson, Shari Egan, Hannah Henderson, Nina Schaefer, Betsy Marshall, Eleanor Peterson, Anne Burnett, Joyce Keller, Lee Manonian, Carol Rush, and Suzanne Ullrich.

Staff in attendance: Dennis Pickeral, Laura Keim, and Kaelyn Barr

# Minutes

Minutes for February were approved as written. Motion to approve by Nina Schaefer, 2nd by Carol Rush.

# Stenton Chair Report: *Kristin Cahn von Seelen*

* The meeting began with the Committee members writing notes on the Garden Party invitations to encourage attendance.
* Kristin circulated the sign-up sheet for the Garden Party donations of food items.

# Directors Report: *Dennis Pickeral (Full Report Attached)*

* Memorial update
* Historic Germantown update: Trapeta Mayson will be leaving the Executive Director position.
* Carriage House roof work will begin next week.
* History Hunters Video – The committee recommends that we try to do the third option, with multiple interviews and additional footage, budget still to be considered and discussed.
* Pew grant update – Dinah Memorial project recap. Due 3/7
* NEH Grant for the wing renovations – due 3/15
* Visitation- February:

# Collections Committee: *Laura Keim*

* Kenny is cleaning up the 3rd floor of the mansion.
* Still working with Beth Paolini to determine what fabric will be used in the Yellow Lodging Room for the Quilt. Presenting at the textiles conference.
* Peter Pfaffenroth would really like us to decide about the chairs - $200k purchase price. Hannah Henderson suggested asking Gerry Lenfest.
* Emlen chairs conservation is proceeding.

# Education and Program Report: *Kaelyn Barr*

* Update on HH training Feb 14th
* Our upcoming programs include:
  + March 17th: Let the Daughters of Liberty Nobly Arise: Women and Poetry, Past and Present; Rebecca Rosen, Yolanda Wisher, Trapeta Mayson and Sue Landers.
  + March 31st: Stenton Egg Hunt
  + April 5th: Heritage Plants and Historic Sites, Claudia Levy and Denis Lucey
  + May 10th: Garden Party
  + June 14th, Shellwork program

# President’s Report: *Anne Burnett*

* Regional conference planning continues, registration has been open since early February. Reminders will be sent out. An E-blast went out asking for volunteers. Anyone who is volunteering is welcome to sign up “a la carte” for certain workshops or dinners. If anyone is willing to host out of town Dames please let Anne know.
* If anyone is interested in helping with time keeping at the Stenton/Cliveden tours for the Regional Conference, volunteers are needed to help manage rotation between stations and traffic control with large groups.

# Facilities and Finance Report: *Jane Foster Willson for Peggy Conver*

* Electrical work in the Log Cabin and the Barn should be getting underway.
* Dennis Pickeral: Update on James Logan Award Gala Dinner. Invitations should be going out in June. Thank you to all sponsors.

# Garden and Landscape Committee, *Carol Rush*

* We are holding a boxwood cuttings workshop on March 13th from 10 – 12 at Stenton. 260 propagated plants have survived.
* We will be doing some planting on April 18th to get ready for the Regional Conference.
* Susan is here on Wednesdays if you would like to come help with clean up.
* May 8th and 9th will be work days in the garden prior to the Garden Party.
  + Claudia has secured Spigilia plants for the memorial and they will be installed for the party.
* The gate at the far side of the property is open and functional.

# Next Meeting: April 5, 2018