MINUTES

Stenton Committee

Date | time 3/2/2017 10:30 AM | Meeting called to order by Carol Rush, Stenton Committee Chair

# In Attendance

Carol Rush, Anne Burnett, Gwen Bryant, Sally Congdon, Dora Rogers, Hannah Henderson, Betsy Marshall, Kristin Cahn von Seelen and Peggy Conver.

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

# Minutes

Minutes for February were approved as written.

# President’s Report: *Anne Burnett*

* We are developing a communications policy for Stenton and the NSCDA/PA modeled on recommendations from the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) and NSCDA/Dumbarton House.
* A group from Connoisseur Tours is coming to Headquarters on March 13th for a tour.

# Museum Properties

* No Report.

# Stenton Chair Report: *Carol Rush*

* The Garden Party planning is in good shape. The invitations have been printed and will be mailed at the end of the month. We had a successful response from our sponsorship initiative. Food, security and our street permit are all in place.
* Susan Yeager has been coordinating garden volunteers, including a group of students. We should wrap up the garden policy and finalize the rules about working in the garden, disinfecting tools, etc.

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

* Dennis will be stepping down as Board President for Historic Germantown. He will be replaced by Loretta Witt.
* Historic Germantown is a finalist for a national collaboration award. They will receive $10k as a finalist, and if they win, will be awarded $150k. Their committee will be interviewing HG on the 15th.
* We have completed a first draft of the budget for the coming fiscal year. It is very similar to this past year, with an increased emphasis on employee benefits and professional development.

December and January Visitation:

On Site: 60 ; Web: 570

# Collections Committee: *Laura Keim*

* The Yellow Lodging Room is moving along. The ceiling hooks passed the engineering test. Paint prep is underway and we opened one of the windows to the room.
* Lisa Street offered to speak with us about how to involve other outside groups in our collections, similar to how the Decorative Arts Trust in Tennessee has been involved with the Brooks Museum.
* Laura will be leading a course in the United Kingdom this may for a few weeks. She will try to visit with Wanda Slack, a Logan descendant.
* Laura met with Adam Jenkins, the conservator for the Logan Monument. He mentioned that someone at Stenton will need to be trained on how to care for the monument once it’s installed. Claudia Levy is working on the plan for location for the monument in the landscape. She suggested we address the pipe issue near the driveway while we are doing excavating for the monument, since it will be in the same area. We will need to start a conversation with the Sons of the American Revolution about their interest in helping to fund the monument conservation.

# Education and Program Report: *Kaelyn Barr*

* We are in good shape for the Egg Hunt, and we have lots of volunteers signed up to help this year.
* We have also started to plan for a Living History Day this coming June.

# Next Meeting: April 6, 2017 at 10:00AM