Minutes

Stenton Committee

March 12, 2015

Present: Anne Burnett, Kristin Cahn von Seelen, Dennis Pickeral, Carol Rush, Kaelyn Taylor, Laura Keim, Peggy Shaver, Sally Congdon, Alice Lea Tasman, and Dee Dee Heyward.

Minutes: Minutes from February were approved without corrections.

President’s Report:

* We are in the budgeting process for the new budget, starting May 1st.
* Flag Day commemoration involving the plaque at Bryn Mawr College will be for Flag Day 2016.
* Anne Burnett served as the NSCDA/PA representative on the panel for New Century Trust.

Museum Properties

* Kristin Cahn von Seelen reported that Gunston Hall is having a Virginia Declaration Anniversary Celebration.
* Kristin also reported that she has been in contact with Jeff Rosen of the Constitution Center with reference to the NSCDA/PA co-hosting an event.

Stenton Chair Report: Carol Rush is hereby made a part of these minutes:

* The Garden Party invitations are being printed. We still have to finalize the list.
* Paul Roller will be the caterer for the event. The Dames will do the dessert table. We will also ask for monetary donations instead of food donations to help the cost of catering.
* We would like to have a table and chairs reserved for groups coming from retirement communities. It was discussed whether we might also contact these communities to try and arrange a van to bring several guests. Communities discussed were: Waverly, Beaumont, Dunwoody, The Hill, and Quadrangle.
* We are working on details for the Logan Reunion. We have chosen the date of September 11th and 12th.
* We will have meetings with Claudia Levy for the garden and landscape, and Mark Foulke for the fence line issue. We’ll meet about the Education Center project after that meeting.
* There are many issues to be addressed in the upcoming budget. These include: archives, wing roof repairs, Log house repairs, Yellow Lodging room project, the membership program, and staffing.

Director’s Report: Dennis Pickeral is hereby made a part of these minutes:

* Upcoming events include a memorial service for Lil Chance on April 4th, before the annual Egg Hunt.
* Garden Committee: the garden clubs have some interest in participating. Elizabeth McLean and Nicole Juday have agreed to be on the committee. We also have a new gardener, Elana, who has an education background.
* The Wing Door is being mended. It should be completed before we open for the season in April.
* Development: We received a $10,000/year for three years grant from Patricia Kind for History Hunters. We received $11,000 from the Cultural Fund. Hannah Henderson has also funded the Stenton Park art project. We also worked with Comcast to create a Newsmakers segment on History Hunters.
* The archaeology Project is wrapping up. We found over 5000 artifacts.
* March 17th we have a Garden Club of Philadelphia Workshop on site.

Collections:

* The PHMC loans and gifted collections have arrived.
* We received a Logan document, gifted by Betsy Marshall.
* We received a loom, gifted by Eleanor Sayer.
* The provenance of the tinder lighter has been confirmed.

Upcoming Events:

April 4 – Memorial (10:30) and Egg Hunt (1:00)

April 17 – “Dowels, Dovetails” Chairs Workshop (10:00 – 2:00)

April 30 – Rescheduled Program from March 5 – “At War with her Feelings” Lunch and Learn (12:30)

May 14 – The Garden Party

Respectfully submitted,

Kaelyn Taylor