



Historic Gloria Dei (Old Swedes')
Preservation Corporation

JUNE 2016 BOARD MINUTES

Meeting start: 5:30 pm

Candace Roberts, Chair- presiding

Attendees: Peggy Buescher, Tom Daley, Amy Grant, Christine Pickup, Mark Roberts, Alan Segal, Kim-Eric Williams

Approved the Consent Agenda and May minutes

Financial Report: M. Roberts

Committee reports/discussion

- Report/debrief on Spirits and History! Event
 - We loved this event. Every aspect was positive.
 - Key learnings for next year:
 - Choose “residents” with a connection to an identified group that would be willing to support the event. Such as, the folks remembering soldiers from the war of 1812 or the families of the SS Poet. Perhaps Daughters of the American Revolution
 - Continue to seek sponsors from the SACC and elsewhere
 - Probably can do just as well with 4 spirits
- Discussion on cenotaphs as a method of attaining funds for the development and restoration of the church yard. In the same category as signage, bricks, etc.
 - Perhaps Lenape Indians monument, Betsy Ross monument ... someone or some group that would naturally relate to the churchyard and Gloria Dei
 - Reminder, that the churchyard committee needs to meet with Joy for an overview of what the Vestry has been considering (Marco, Tom, Jeanette, Candy and Mark)
- Discussion on concept of a monthly History Highlight
 - Amy Grant has volunteered to create a monthly newsletter for Historic Gloria Dei with Mail Chimp
 - It will include a history highlight and updates on what we are doing with our various projects
- Discussion about the Front Street Gateway being chaired by Maria Frizelle Roberts
 - Maria was one of our first Board members and we think that we can share information on what she is learning with this project and dealing with overlapping government agencies.
- Discussion on bringing in speakers to draw new people and showcase Riverside Hall
 - Amy Grant suggested a history lecture that she is planning for October 20th at 7:30. She will confirm the date with Joy Segal
 - This is exactly the kind of group we would like to bring to the property



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- Discussed **History Bike Rally**, October 1, 2016
 - Family event vs “serious” bike rider
 - Expect the hours will be 10am-noon
 - Promotion will be on: website, Swedish Colonial Society website, Philly Fun Guide, billypenn.com, Uwishunu, QVNA print ad, Society Hill Reporter print ad. Others will be considered.
 - To celebrate The National Park Service 100th birthday, 2-4 locations will be National Park sites
 - Under consideration: Ben Franklin Post Office, Independence Hall, Poe House, and certainly Gloria Dei
 - If possible, we will have the National Park Passports available to be stamped. Or, we will create our event passports
 - Discussed the possibility of incorporating a mystery to be solved. Event could be ***History and Mystery Bicycle Rally!***
 - Entry fees will be \$15/single and \$25/family
 - Discussed food trucks vs grilling/Gloria Dei food – more discussion needed
 - Committee will try to meet next week and include Jill Minnick, retired from The Bicycle Coalition. Jill will assist with contacts at Indego, Bicycle Revolution and Community Bikes. It was suggested we ask Cordelia Biddle, a local mystery writer, for her thoughts on a rally mystery.

6:45 pm Adjourn

Thanks to Candace and Mark Roberts for dinner

Next meeting: July 11, 5:30-7pm

Reminder – there is no meeting in August