



Historic Gloria Dei (Old Swedes')  
Preservation Corporation

**March 14, 2016 BOARD MINUTES**

Meeting start: 5:30 pm

Candace Roberts, Chair- presiding

Attendees: Peggy Buescher, Tony Croasdale, Tom Daley, Marco Federico, Amy Grant, Mark Roberts, Alan Segal, Bob Stewart, Jeanette Woehr

1. The consent agenda and minutes were approved for February 2016

2. Finance committee report was presented by Mark Roberts and approved.

3. Committee reports

- The Vestry has approved the role of the Foundation to review and make recommendations for the care and funding of the Churchyard. Marco and Candace will meet with Joy receive the information collected to date.
- Report and discussion on Reimagining the Cemetery as an Outdoor Museum
  - Discussed Memorial Flower Program. Create a revenue stream to support restoration projects in the Churchyard.
    - The concept entails creating an online store to purchase seasonal flowers or greens to be placed at markers 4 times per year.
    - Any bulbs could be collected by Church volunteers for placement elsewhere on the property, but not at the individual marker.
    - The memorial program may or may not include a “Membership” that would offer discounts to events or other benefits of membership.
    - The Memorial Program would include an annual Memorial Service to remember our permanent residents.
    - We will also consider what native plants may be included.
    - The idea was approved for further discussions. Peggy has agreed to research possible sources of the flowers/greens. (Urban Jungle, Greensgrow, others? Candy will ask Jill Minnick from St Peter’s Church for a referral)
  - Discussed quote for painting Riverside Hall. We selected the low bidder coming from a company that has provided services to Gloria Dei in the past.
    - The budget is \$5500. The Board approved the expenditure.
    - We have placed the first week of April for painting on the Church calendar pending approval by the Vestry
  - Discussed Spirits and History! Event. May 13, 2016
    - We need sponsors for: wine, beer, scotch, vodka and food
    - Candace was reminded we may need to fill out a Park Service request for May 13<sup>th</sup>. Will confirm with Joy.
    - Quantum Thinks has donated a \$1500 sponsorship to pay for the food



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- Candace has contacted a sponsor of the Swedish Chamber of Commerce and contacted a Church member for a sponsorship
- Marco will contact his sponsor to see if an additional donation can be made
- Joy sent a request to a local funeral home to be a sponsor. We will need to follow up.
- Bob is going to contact Greg Moore from Moore Brothers for a wine donation
- For the scotch spirits, Tony has agreed to donate a bottle of scotch and is asking members of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club to donate 2 bottles (we estimate 40 tastings per bottle)
- Candace presented a new fund-raising idea:
  - We will have a table of 50 bottles (or 100) with corresponding numbered corks. The donor purchases a cork for \$20 and discovers what they have purchased toward the end of the event. They may get a nice \$6 bottle of wine or they may get something worth much more.
    - Tom has agreed to donate a bottle of gin
    - Alan has agreed to donate a bottle of bourbon
  - We agreed that each ticket will include 2 drink tickets. We will serve wine, beer, and soft drinks. Water will not require a ticket. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$5 each
  - Jeanette has agreed to proof and comment on the history cards.
- Discussed our possible Historical Collections and possibility of creating a traveling exhibition
  - Mark noted that the Swedish Colonial Society may have items to contribute to the exhibition
  - Amy told us about a program at the Atwater Kent Museum for community exhibitions. Amy will get further details. Candace will talk with the SCS on March 17<sup>th</sup>
- Discussed a walking tour brochure
  - Jeanette remembers an old version created by the National Park Service. She is going to look for a copy. Amy may know where a copy is as well.
  - We have a desire to create a walking tour brochure.
  - We may do this in conjunction with QVNA.
- Discussed a next steps with long term vision of creating a woodland space
  - We agree that we need to meet with the local head of the Park Service
  - We are discussing what needs to be completed in advance and what do we want to ask for in terms of control and timing.
  - There is a concern that if we do not lock down the responsibility for the space, the Park Service could decide to resume using the space as a dumping ground.



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- 501c3 update
  - We were successful in having the tax penalty abated.
  - Bob and Alan will continue to work on getting a clean 501c3 status

4. Governance

- We welcomed Amy Grant as new board member. Candace will send her name for confirmation with the Vestry
- We said good bye to Barbara DiLossi who has completed a 2-year term. Barbara has our sincere appreciation for her contribution and we look forward to Barbara as a Friend of the HGDPCC!
- We are recruiting for 4-6 new board members

6:45 pm: Adjourn

Thanks to Candace and Mark Roberts for dinner

Next meeting: April 11, 2016, 5:30-7pm