



Historic Gloria Dei (Old Swedes')
Preservation Corporation

JULY 2018 BOARD MINUTES

Meeting start: 5:45 pm

Candace Roberts, Chair- presiding

Attendees: Peggy Buescher, Amy Grant, Christine Pickup, Mark Roberts, Michael Schreiber, Alan Segal, Bob Stewart, Jeanette Woehr, Jerry Walker

Approved the June 2018 minutes

Vestry Report:

- Peggy Buescher overviewed the air conditioning project underway in the Church and Riverside Hall. We were also updated on the Vestry deliberations of the Churchyard Gardening project as proposed by Faye Decktor, Historic City Gardens
- Jeanette Woehr reported that the Swedish Museum may store some of our historic documents and items in addition to our relationship with the Lutheran Seminary archives. Jeanette further reported that she is working with a Temple University archivist to make digital copies of our land rent documents.

Reports

- We reviewed the Churchyard Gardening project and are prepared to move forward if approved by the Vestry
- Amy Grant and Michael Schreiber discussed a meeting with Old Pine Conservancy and a proposal for signage that is used at Old Pine. It is attractive, but costly. Amy was asked to find out about durability. Mark Roberts offered to secure a second quote. We will likely make a proposal to the Vestry in September.
 - We also learned that the Old Pine Conservancy had success in identifying their war dead by matching war records with pew rents.
 - Michael and Amy will continue to research interesting stories about our permanent residents.
- Amy and Michael further discussed the use of Revolutionary and War of 1812 flags in the churchyard to identify our permanent residents who served in these wars.
- Michael shared a story about he researched and wrote about our Jacob Jackson, War of 1812. The finished story is enclosed.
- Michael, Amy and Candy reported that the convention for the Society of the War of 1812 will be in Philadelphia in 2020. Perhaps we can be a part of the agenda with tours and other offerings.
- We reviewed video script and Candy Roberts will seek a production quote to create the video. Michael offered to review the script and suggest edits.

Discussion

- We reviewed the articles on other churches in the Board packet. All are encouraged to read the articles this summer.
- We talked about our initial messaging session from June. Some thoughts:
 - The Gloria Dei history shaped early Philadelphia
 - There are many firsts: Brought the Lutheran's to the region, European farmers, mariners, ferry system, log cabins
 - Gloria Dei was a microcosm of Philadelphia with a tradition of inclusiveness since 1755

7:50 pm: Adjourn

Thanks to Mark and Candy Roberts for dinner

Next meeting: September 10, 2018