

Friends of Springfield Armory National Historic Site
Monthly Board Meeting
January 22, 2021
3:00 PM

In Attendance:

Mr. John Diffley, Vice-President
Mr. Roger Johnson, Treasurer
Mr. Josh Clark, Secretary
Ms. Kelly Fellner, Park Superintendent
Mr. Alex MacKenzie, Curator
Mr. Neil Daboul

Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM

Minutes of the August 7, 2020 meeting were read. Proposal to accept by Mr. Clark, Second by Mr. Daboul

TREASURERS REPORT

See the attached from Mr. Johnson

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Construction continues in the Arsenal Bldg with first floor painted and cleaned. Work is ongoing to the hardwood floors and they have been cleaned and sanded. Even though all of the museum is closed to the public and the exhibits have been covered and wrapped, the Staff has prepared a self-guided walking tour of the grounds.

There is currently a backlog of requests from Researchers due to the pandemic and that will be managed over time. She noted that improving services to researchers is a goal. Funding is still coming in for building maintenance and some of that is being used for more efficient lighting. Ms. Fellner said she would like to see improvements to Quarters 1 with future funding. Mr. MacKenzie pointed out the need to ensure the Friends Strategic Plan is aligned with that of the National Historic Site and further aligned with the Annual Work Plan.

NEW BUSINESS

February 10, 2021 has been set for the Annual Meeting at 3PM using remote access (Zoom). Mr. Clark has sent out links for this meeting.

The proposed slate of officers for the next term will be:

Mr. Neil Daboul, President
Mr. John Diffley, Vice President
Mr. Roger Johnson, Treasurer
Mr. Josh Clark, Secretary

Gun Rack disposal was discussed and Mr. MacKenzie noted the General Services Administration will require the Armory to dispose of these items as surplus furniture and not be able to transfer them to

the Friends to be used for fund raising. NPS can not sell them and they have no monetary value to the Federal Government.

Mr. Clark raised the matter of reviewing the bylaws and Mr. Daboul noted that all minutes will start to be loaded on the website for members to see.

3:43PM Meeting adjourned.