

Friends of the Springfield Armory National Historic Site
Board Meeting
11 September 2019
2PM

Members Present:

Jim Contravich, President
John Diffley, VP
Roger Johnson, Treasurer
Neil Daboul, Secretary
Kelly Fellner, Alex MacKenzie,

2PM Call to Order
Superintendents Report

Secretary's Report

Minutes reviewed from the last meeting and a motion made by Mr. Johnson to approve same, Second by Mr. Daboul. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report

22000 Endowment

16350?????xx Regular Account

Income for month

Received donations and dues from several sources during the month of August. The Armory received a festival grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Roger submitted documents to Mass Cultural Council

780.49 from Roger Johnson to underwrite the donor wall and items for the donot wall

17000.00

Mr. MacKenzie raised concern over how the Friends can hold an endowment at the Community Foundation and call it an asset on the Treasurers Report. It was established originally that the funds would be domiciled at the Community Foundation and later returned to the Friends.

The donation from the Veterans Education Project is actually not going to be considered a donation.

Superintendent Report

Ms. Fellner report that there are a number of initiatives and concerns presently facing The Armory and elaborated on them as follows:

- Buyer Street sidewalk near along Iron Gate has been buckled and of concern for many years. Erosion from the Armory land has also been a concern and NPS is working with the city to find a solution.

- Writing project has won an award, Armory continues to get accolades for different projects including recent exhibits that educate people inside and outside the Armory. Recent visit by a Navy Admiral
- Continue to collaborate with STCC on stories and projects about the Armory. STCC has been helping us with many different projects and that includes the Donor Wall.
- During the week of September 15, 2019, a Naturalization Ceremony will be held in the Armory and that has become an annual event. National Parks are becoming more popular for these types of ceremonies.
- Mr. MacKenzie is looking at the Annual Work Plan and wants to get the 2020 Annual Work Plan up and running. What are we doing next year? What did we do well and not so well?

Committee Updates

- The information on the Shays Seminar is out on the Friends website and will be the main landing page. There will be a fee for admission to the event.
- The GCA is meeting at the Armory on September 27th, 2019 and Friends will host a cocktail hour for the members.
- November 2 is an Annual Friends speaker event-

Program Committee

- Mr. Controvich noted that the Friends board has discussed creating another endowment so we can ensure a long-term revenue stream for the Armory; however, National Park Service has a specific way of doing things for all endowments and would want to have input. The input turnaround is fairly fast and generally at the Superintendent level.
- Mr. MacKenzie suggested the Friends set up their own table at the Baltimore show.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:15 PM. Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at the request of Mr. Daboul.