

Historic Port of Washington Project & Museum

MINUTES: Historic Port of Washington (HPOW) Board of Trustees and Executive Officers Meeting.

Date: November 6, 2018

- I. The meeting was called to order by Ray Midgett, President at 2:00 pm on November 6, 2018 at Brown Library, 122 Van Norden St., Washington, NC 27889.
- II. Roll call was taken and people introduced themselves. Board of Trustee Members present included Ken Carpenter, Chairman, Blount Rumley, Keith Hackney, Leesa Jones, Fritz Tanner, Billie Jean Mallison, Mary Ann Foy. Executive Officers present were Ray Midgett, President, Elaine McClure, Secretary and David Conner, Treasurer.
- III. Minutes of the last meeting held July 10, 2018 were approved.
- IV. Old Business

Committee Reports

- Finance—David Conner distributed copies of the financial statement. The treasurer's report was approved.
- Events reviewed: The mayor made a proclamation to make October 12, Hull Anderson Day in Washington. This was featured in the WDN newspaper. On October 13, 2018 HPOW held an event about Hull Anderson at the NC Estuarium. The presentation was done as a docudrama and was well received by those attending. Billie Jean Mallison wrote an excellent article about William von Eberstein 1821-1890. The article appeared in the WDN.

- **Relocation of Artifacts:** there is a tentative agreement with the city of Washington that HPOW will be able to store items at the white house next to the library that are currently stored at the Brown Library. (Do we have an address for the white house?). The city must auction off the contents of the house before it will be available to HPOW. The city may rehab the porch which is needed. The house is for storage. No utilities will be available. It can be locked for security of the contents. Brown Library wants HPOW to removed stored items immediately. Availability of the white house is unknown.
- Vice President position vacancy: Currently, there are no candidates for the Vice President's position. Members of the search committee are Ray Midgett, Blount Rumley and Keith Hackney. Everyone is being asked to help find a candidate for the position. Position description and list of duties needs to be developed.
- Future projects and activities: Activities needed to give HPOW name recognition, exposure and standing in the community and across the state. These activities and ideas were discussed: presentations about HPOW at civic and community organizations such as the Rotary, Chamber of Commerce. Target groups with events in the area like the NC Cycle event. Presentations at schools when appropriate based on school curriculum (studying local history). More information about HPOW on line along with the history of the area (Sanborn maps). More presentations like the Hull Anderson presentation at the NC Estuarium. Articles in the newspaper such as the William von Eberstein article written by Billie-Jean Mallison. Oral history presentations. Plaques around the community marking significant events and people in Washington

history, example: wheel at Haven Gardens. Find museum quality cases that could be used at different locations where exhibits with HPOW artifacts could be done, example the NC Estuarium.

- V. Future: Where do we go from here? This discussion focused on what could be done to increase visibility for HPOW now. It is hard to ask for funding in today's world when the organization has no name recognition in the community, the state or on social media. These ideas were reviewed as possibilities to give clarity to where activities are needed to achieve the goals of HPOW: social media presence; publish articles in the newspaper; HPOW presence at public events; presentations at civic and community meetings; oral history presentations; find museum quality display cases where artifacts could be shown, and history stories told at different locations. Continue to archive and catalog historic artifacts. Ray Midgett encouraged board members to take an active lead on these activities to further the goals of the organization. Presentations at civic organizations and finding museum quality display cases are top priority for immediate action.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.

submitted by,

Secretary

Respectfully

Elaine McClure,