

The Colonel Daniel Putnam Association



Minutes of the Annual Summer Meeting July 27, 2002

On a cloudy and cool day, the annual meeting of the CDPA was called to order by President Houston Putnam Lowry at 1 p.m.

Getting down to business with Committee Reports...

The Secretary's report was presented by Bill MacLaren and accepted without further comment.

Rob Perry presented the Treasurer's report, and noted the following:

- Overall budget expenses far exceed current dividend income, highlighting the need to develop incremental sources of revenue to support the various programs and initiatives that are currently underway or under development.
- The response to the recent mailing re: CDPA initiatives and member dues were not as successful as hoped. There were significant additional contributions from a few members, but most preferred to send annual dues only. Of the initiatives designated for additional contributions, the "Friend of PE" and "research on family history" were clearly favored.
- Following lengthy discussion, a motion to increase annual individual and family dues to \$30 and \$50, respectively, was approved without dissent.
- A change in insurance agents had resulted in a much cheaper policy with significant one-time savings to the Association.

The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

The House and Grounds report was presented by Eric & Scott Gibbs, with input from Tyrone Farm Management Inc. ("TFMI"). The report noted that:

- The Master Gardener Program was not active this year, but Martie MacLaren had spent considerable time doing volunteer gardening at the Elms. She

spent the funds allocated to this program on plants that were placed in various gardens.

- The new configuration of the house was deemed to be "very appealing and attractive" with an Empire dining room and Chippendale living room established to bring continuity to room furnishings. The sleigh bed is now in the former garden room.
- TFMI noted that a solar powered light was installed on the south side of the house, and that the house was in good shape following a number of measures designed to reduce moisture and mold development.
- The idea to convert the second floor of the house into habitable space for members was discussed in the context of accommodations that would attract members back to Putnam Elms and CDPA.

TFMI distributed a draft pamphlet that could be distributed locally. The draft was to be reviewed and commented upon by members before final production.

Additional Notes and Comments

Houston Lowry cited the need to develop a "cyber community" in which the PE website (www.putnamelms.org) and email list serve to communicate news and information to members of the Association and the general public alike.

A "theme" weekend was proposed by Rob Perry, involving a Loyalist/Revolutionary focus.

Houston Lowry requested that a Nominating Committee be established. Eric and Jon Gibbs, as well as Tyler Tsang all volunteered or were gently coerced into participation.

Keiko Tsato Perry was offered and approved as a new member.

A proposal to hold the Fall Meeting on Saturday, November 2nd was approved. The meeting will take

Eric W. Gibbs, Secretary

place at noon following a service at Old Trinity Church at 11 a.m. Hearth cooking will be demonstrated by Jen Hinze, and the usual assortment of delicious side dishes will be proffered by all those who know that the Fall Meeting is a pot-luck gastronomic delight.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.