

Minutes of the Annual Autumn Combined Member and Directors Meeting
November 1, 2003

The annual combined autumn member and directors meeting of the Colonel Daniel Putnam Association, Inc. was called to order by Houston Putnam Lowry at 2:01 p.m.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's minutes of the July 2003 meeting were approved as previously mailed to all members.

Treasurer's Report

The financial statements as compiled by Sharon Farmer, CPA were mailed to all members and copies given to attending members. Members should be receiving copies of the 2003 year-end financial statements by the end of January 2004.

Highlights were:

- Sold Ford Motor Company stock
- Added voice mail to phones
- ~\$5,000 was received from the tree people (cumulative for the year)
- The CDPA is trying for a grant to paint the north side of the house (1772 Foundation)

Financial statements were approved after discussion.

Officers and Directors Elected

Houston Putnam Lowry - President and Treasurer
Catharine MacLaren - Vice President
Douglas T. Putnam - Vice President
Hope Allen - Asst. Treasurer
Elizabeth N. West - Secretary
Scott P. Gibbs - Asst. Secretary

All officers were elected as directors.

Committee Reports

House and Grounds Committee

- House was successfully treated for termites
- Master Gardeners program was continued through autumn
- Have applied (again) for funding for a walking trail that would connect to the one that butts up against the property

- Discussed using property for weddings. Also people would be more likely to go with a place that does not have so many requirements, i.e. bringing in their own toilets and sinks, etc.
- It will cost ~\$2,000 just to survey land for a possible parking lot. We have not expended this money.
- Some of these tasks might have some zoning impact for Putnam Elms.

Historical Committee

- Possibility of using certain rooms for a themed explanation of the history/branches of a family
- Possibly going to dig stuff out of mothballs and slog through it all

Events

- We had 74 people visit the open house this year. The Elms was open Wed., Sat. and Sun. from 1-4. Hours continue to be posted on the web site.
- Both opening and closing events went well and were enjoyed by all who attended. It would be lovely if more members attended the events
- Need to build on future events, have more people aware of events, publicize

Suggestions

- Opening and closing events to coincide with summer and autumn meetings
- Moving meetings to a more convenient time in order for more members to attend (members should let the president know what they think)
- Using the house for a family weekend, with a list of items to bring in/pack out.
- Seasonal signs with opening/closing times, special events, historical house
- Put up a Putnam coat of arms flag so people won't think we are a gift shop.
- Replace lost marker on 169 showing where Putnam's 1st house was located
- Motion to clean up wooden plaque at the Wolf Den was approved. Catharine MacLaren and Elizabeth N. West will report their findings to the president.
- Catharine MacLaren will prepare a list of things that members need to bring to Putnam Elms if they want to stay overnight (reservations are required!).

New and Reinstated Members

Mary Phelps Day

Koan Putnam Sato-Perry, son of Keiko and Chris Sato-Perry

New Tradition!!

There will be one family story told every meeting, starting with Israel Putnam. This meeting's story about "Israel Putnam and the Wolf Den" was told by Houston Putnam Lowry and was enjoyed by all. Everyone is looking forward to the next story, which will be told by Scott Gibbs. These stories and more can be found on the web site, PutnamElms.org.

The next meeting of the CDPA will be held on July 24, 2004 at Noon. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m. with no other business.

Elizabeth N. West
Secretary