

**MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE
COLONEL DANIEL PUTNAM ASSOCIATION, INC.
ON OCTOBER 29, 2005**

Meeting was called to order at 1:15 on Saturday, October 29, 2005.

The minutes from the summer meeting in July were approved.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee made the following recommendations:

President and Director: Houston Putnam Lowry

Vice President and Director: Douglas T. Putnam

Secretary and Director: Catharine P. MacLaren

Assistant Secretary and Director: Scott P. Gibbs

Treasurer: Houston Putnam Lowry

Honorary Director: Hope S. Allen

The nominations were accepted unanimously.

TFMI Report

Buildings & Grounds

Since the last meeting in July, bi-weekly grass mowing continued without incident. A final session for the season that included leaf mulching will be scheduled in November.

As a follow-up to TFMI's suggestion at the last meeting concerning a permanent sign at the front of the property, Bill MacLaren spoke with Brooklyn's Zoning Commissioner who did not see a problem with the project. However, the town's regulations were in the process of being changed and he asked Bill to check in after that process has been completed.

Morgan MacLaren visited the property on 10/22/05 and inspected the Elm trees he planted five years ago. Most are doing well and only one is suffering ill effects from animal damage and this summer's drought.

The roof over the garage needs repair/replacement. A discussion ensued about whether or not CDPA needs to make a decision about what to do with the garage and the potting shed which is very much in disrepair. It was suggested that a deciding factor might be

costs associated with preservation and that this issue be addressed at the next meeting where there will presumably be more members present. The sleigh is still located in the garage.

There have been 148 visitors to the house since April coming during regular open house tours (mid-May through mid-October) or for special events such as Spring Walks, Local History Weekend, July's CDPA meeting, the Brooklyn Historical Society's Harvest Homecoming Dinner and Walking Weekends.

Elizabeth Beech reported that she has done some publicity, planning, housekeeping, gardening and maintenance. Two of her goals are to practice top-notch stewardship of the property, house and its contents and to become a useful resource to the CDPA family, the community, special interest groups and the general public. She has worked hard at establishing and strengthening collaborative relationships with entities in the area including the Brooklyn Historical Society and many others.

Sue Jayes suggested having a donation receptacle available near the front door for visitors.

The acquisition of a portrait of Catharine Putnam was announced. It was a donation given by Emily Barclay and John Hawes of Watertown, MA and is currently at PE.

The house will be closed up for the winter in November and plans are being made for events in 2006.

New Business

Bill MacLaren asked that we have people rsvp to the fall meeting in the future so that we know how many to expect for the service at Old Trinity (this year, none) and for lunch (this year, 6). Myrtle Morse volunteered to be in charge of the turkey next year.

Katie MacLaren reported that she and CDPA Anne Bridges took a walk out to the wolf den recently and believe that repair to the CDPA-donated sign there can be done at the site in the spring.

The date for the next meeting is Saturday, July 29, 2006.

Catharine P. MacLaren
Secretary