

COLONEL DANIEL PUTNAM ASSOCIATION, INC.
Minutes from July 24, 2010 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

Present were Elizabeth Beach, Dick Booth, Scott Gibbs, Houston Putnam Lowry, Bill MacLaren, Katie MacLaren, Chris Mathany, Alyosha Mathany, Kyle Mathany, Svetlana Mathany, Bridget Morgan, Colleen Morgan, Liza Morgan, Meg Morgan, Doug Putnam, Jennifer Putnam, Alan Schaeffer, Connor West, and Georgia West

Secretary's Report from October 2009

Motion to accept made by Doug Putnam/Jennifer Putnam seconded - unanimous approval.

House and Grounds Report

Bill MacLaren reported that we had a very active spring weather-wise. Rain produced about 14 inches of water in the cellar and some small ponds at the front of the property on Church Street. Bill introduced Alan Schaeffer who has been helping out on the property including the restoration of the stonewalls. Alan has made sign that will give PE more visibility on Church St. and is working on fixing supports for the larch tree south of the house. Lindon Tree Service pruned and reinforced trees in front of the house and opened up the lane to the second entrance gate.

Tyrone Farm Management Report

Elizabeth Beach reported that PE is open from June 20th through October 20th every Sunday and Wednesday. Information is on the website. Two days at the end of September will be fireplace cooking events including a pie workshop. There has been Evening Prayer at 4pm on Sundays at PE the last two weeks of June and through July that is hosted by Trinity Church.

Scott expressed concern about making sure that we're open when we say we're open and the public knows our hours. Elizabeth confirmed the hours are published in local papers and our web site, which is linked to local websites. Scott also relayed concerns about CDPA's non-profit status. Bill MacLaren reported that in Brooklyn, the recertification of non-profit status with the town is every 4 years and he brokered that renewal this last time with Houston Putnam Lowry. The non-profit status through the Internal Revenue Service was issued years ago and there is no renewal process.

Meg Morgan asked about the possibility of organizing scrap booking or quilt-making at PE. Elizabeth said that there are many possibilities but it's an issue of balancing time between obligations.

Elizabeth addressed a proposal to go into the local school systems to share information about PE with Bill MacLaren and Houston Putnam Lowry so that the Board can review. It would allow for a year-round presence in the community for PE. Bill MacLaren

offered to host a CDPA Board meeting at Tyrone Farm soon so that the Board can discuss any issues that could use attention at this point.

The first two Wednesdays in September are set aside at this time for retreats. There are also walks scheduled in October. Elizabeth will follow-up with Michael's about doing craft-focused events at PE.

Houston Putnam Lowry reported the Connecticut Historical Society is returning the Putnam chair attributed to a Newport maker which has been on loan for a number of years.

In late June, Newport (RI) Historical Society visited with their interns and staff members and spent the better part of the day here. CDPA loaned some of the textile forms to them for an exhibit they are putting together. They hope to make annual visits.

Elizabeth is working with the Association for the Study of Connecticut History on a segment of their conference in November of 2013 which is Pomfret's 300th anniversary.

A recent acquisition is an old style fire screen that was a gift from Trinity Church. It fits in well in the house.

Elizabeth cleaned out the modern kitchen this year and scrubbed everything out. Liz West came to PE earlier this week and cleaned and organized a variety of kitchen things.

Working on the south end of the second floor, Elizabeth would like to have the southerly room be set up as an old bedroom that can be on exhibit for visitors. She also talked about switching the upstairs and downstairs books periodically due to the heat upstairs and the mildew downstairs. Scott suggested using a dehumidifier in the house as needed.

Discussed displaying more objects of interest and making use of the existing display case. Elizabeth explained how PE is presented during tours currently. Scott expressed interest in weaving in small objects that could be displayed to show what was going on at various periods. Jennifer asked if there's something that is handed out to visitors that gives some history and Elizabeth reported that at this time it is all given as verbal history during the tour.

Elizabeth thanked Alan for his help with getting the computer up and running with a wireless connection.

Motion to accept House and Grounds and the Tyrone Farm Management reports made by Doug Putnam/Meg Morgan seconded - unanimous approval.

Financial Report

Reviewed the financial report that was sent out to the members recently. Members like the format. Overall, the investments are doing pretty well. There haven't been any major expenditures this year. Members discussed some specific stocks and investment strategy.

Motion to accept made by Doug Putnam/Katie MacLaren seconded - unanimous approval.

Scott asked about the cedar roof and whether or not it needs any ongoing maintenance. Alan said he is replacing the copper ridge cap that almost blew off, but does not recommend any coating for the shingles. We should periodically check the roof for too much shade or organic matter (read: leaves) from above.

Nominating Committee

Bill MacLaren, Katie MacLaren and Jennifer Putnam will be on the nominating committee for November

Current Officers:

- President, Houston Putnam Lowry
- Vice President, Liz West
- Secretary, Katie MacLaren
- Asst. Secretary, Scott Gibbs
- Treasurer, Houston Putnam Lowry
- Honorary Director, Hope Allen
- Honorary Director, Doug Putnam

Anyone interested in serving should contact the nominating committee.

New Members

No new members were nominated for membership.

Membership News, Old and New Business

The members discussed an in-person Board meeting and possible dates for strategic planning purposes. The directors will resolve this issue among themselves.

Houston Putnam Lowry encouraged and welcomed involvement from all members in the association.

Dick Booth reported Old Trinity's All Saints Day service will be on November 6th. Since certain key members will be out of town, CDPA will its meeting on Saturday, October 30th with morning prayer at Old Trinity.

Thanks to everyone who came today.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Katie Maclaren
Secretary