

CAC Meeting Minutes March 3, 2016

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jane Plum at 12:25pm.

December minutes were approved as written.

- Motion by Peggy Richardson, seconded by Daphne Maxwell Reid

Mansion director report (Kaci Easley):

- Stacy Ellis, new Deputy Director of the Executive Mansion, was introduced.
- Visitors December – February
 - 1,185 visitors in December – 602 visitors for open house
 - 225 visitors in January
 - 100 visitors in February
- Review of financials - frames for new hall photography gallery, plan to do other side of hall soon
- Silver restoration – a lot of the pieces in the collection need to be restored. We will seek quotes and information to be sent out in the following month and presented at next board meeting.
- Cottage Garden – would like to finish in phases in time for Historic Garden Week (4/25-4/29) and Garden Day (4/29). That area will be opened up during historic garden week with floral exhibits and honey tasting throughout the mansion and grounds.
- Ramp is complete.

Moment in History (Lauranett Lee):

- Passing of Former CAC Chairperson, John Zimmer on February 7th
- Gift guidelines – limit is set at \$100 – training modules are available on the go-to webinar section 13.17 for further information
- March 2, 1807 Congress abolished the African Slave Trade – no new slaves were to be imported
- New painting in North Ballroom – Barbara Johns painting on loan from Moten Museum in Farmville, VA was incorporated as part of Black History Month Reception at the Executive Mansion. Considering permanent loan for the portrait or getting a copy made to keep in the mansion.
- March 3, 1931 – Star Spangled Banner was decided to be the official national anthem

Committee Reports:

Building and restoration – no new reports

Collections –no new reports

Education – no new reports

Furnishings (Will Paulsen)

- Will updated that he has finished inventorying furniture in storage in PHB. Made note of pieces that could be brought into mansion and what restoration would be involved.
- Research has been done on the "A View of the James River" painting in North Ballroom that found inaccurate information on record. We need to update Docent manual to reflect accurate information.
- Pocahontas painting near the stairs in the hallway – docents say she has a pearl string necklace but it looks like it is a necklace made of pearls, seashells and animal claws.
- Passed around three pages on the first sale of the furnishings of the Executive Mansion and it appears there was an auction of some furnishings and the document lists the buyer and the price.

New Business:

No new Business

Meeting Adjourned at 12:59pm

March Attendees:

Susan Brown Allen

Leslie Bowman

Thomas E. Camden

Rose Chen

Cindy Conner

Beverly Davis

Harry Davis

Bryan Green

Clay Hamner

Mark Herndon

Lauranett Lee

Daphne Maxwell Reid

Will Paulsen

Jane Plum

Monica Rao

Margaret "Peggy" Richardson

Rita Moyer Smith

Mary Theobald

Steven Wood

Staff & Guests:

Kaci Easley

Stacy Ellis

Alice Lynch