

The Friends of the John Dickinson Mansion

Annual Meeting

June 14, 2022

Board Members Present: Charles Altevogt, Eunice Craig, Susan Eliason, David Holden, Elizabeth Horsey, Joe McDaniel, Ellen Richardson, Rodney Robinson, Raymond Seigfried, Tom Smith, John Sweeney **Absent:** Casey Ewart

State Representatives: Dan Citron, Gloria Henry

Guest Speaker: Michael Dudich

Item	Discussion	Action
Welcome and Call to Order -Rodney Robinson	Meeting began at 5:40 PM. Rodney Robinson thanked Governor Carney for attending the reception. He highlighted the efforts to rebrand our website focusing on students, teachers and younger members. Rodney mentioned Jane Calvert's progress in her writing project, completing Volume 3 of the Dickinson writings.	Introduced John Sweeney
Honorarium of Randy Holland – John Sweeney	John Sweeney provided a few words regarding Randy Holland reminding everyone of his contributions. He mentioned that the Friends will donate a bench in his honor to the John Dickinson Mansion.	
State Report – Gloria Henry, Site Supervisor, Dan Citron, Manager of Historic Sites Program	Gloria Henry thanked and introduced her staff; she mentioned the live events at the mansion and remarked on the revival of Make A Splash for fourth grade students, (500 in attendance). As a member of the First State National Park the research continues for the African burial ground with the development of a database to capture the information. The John Dickinson Mansion is the first National Historic Landmark in Delaware, declared as such in 1961. Gloria	

	<p>concluded with a thank you from HCA to the Friends' organization.</p> <p>Dan Citron reported that work continues on paths joining the St. Jones Reserve, hopefully to be completed by this time next year. Gloria, Annie Fennimore and Vertie Lee were all recognized with an award from the governor for their work. Dan thanked Rodney for his contribution and coordination of development of the Reflective area in development. A new visitor center may be completed by next year. The American Association of State and Local History recognized and awarded the site for the discovery of the burial ground.</p>	
Secretary's Report – Ellen Richardson	Ellen Richardson provided a summary of the previous annual meeting minutes.	Minutes approved.
Treasurer's Report – David Holden	David Holden provided a high-level review of the finances and announced we have secured the accounting firm of Williams and Houck to handle state and federal reporting.	Detailed treasurer reports are available upon request
Membership Report-Elizabeth Horsey	Elizabeth Horsey reported that we have 31 member households spanning seven states. Additional renewals are still coming in due to the late mailing of the membership letter. She read the names of patrons and benefactors and urged all members to spread the word to increase membership.	
Nominating Committee – Rodney Robinson	Rodney Robinson read the slate of nominees to be re-elected which include Rodney Robinson for President, Eunice Craig for Vice President, Ellen Richardson for Secretary and David Holden for Treasurer. Rodney made a motion to approve the slate as presented, Joe McDaniel seconded. Raymond Seigfried pointed out that he represents New Castle County, not Sussex.	Slate approved as presented, Ellen to correct slate for the records.
Special Presentation – Michael Dudich	Michael Dudich began his presentation at 6:10 PM discussing the challenges all museums face during these	

	continually changing times. His presentation was cut short at 6:45 PM due to time constraints.	
Concluding Remarks - Rodney Robinson	Rodney Robinson thanked everyone for their loyalty and support and the meeting was adjourned and members proceeded to Sambo's for dinner.	Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Richardson, Secretary