

COLONEL DANIEL PUTNAM ASSOCIATION, INC.
Minutes from July 25, 2009 Meeting

Houston Putnam Lowry called the meeting to order at 1:22 pm.

Present were Hope Allen, Elizabeth Beach, Dick Booth, Emily Gibbs, Scott Gibbs, Sue Jaynes, Webb Jaynes, Houston Putnam Lowry, Bill MacLaren, Katie MacLaren, Martie MacLaren, Chris Mathany, Alyosha Mathany, Kyle Mathany, Svetlana Mathany, Doug Putnam, Jennifer Putnam, Wendell Stephens, Charlie West, Connor West, Georgia West and Liz West, Ted Stever, Ann Stever, Jacqueline Glen, Michael Girdley, Cassandra Glen, Gina Glen and Taylor Girdley.

Secretary's Report

No changes were proposed to the minutes from the last meeting which were previously sent out to the membership and are posted on the CPDA website (www.PutnamElms.org).

Motion to approve made by Doug Putnam, Bill MacLaren seconded, unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report

Our financial situation is rebounding. Bill MacLaren asked for clarification about the Church Fund. This is money put aside for improvements to Old Trinity. Last year we contributed towards painting. Hope Allen explained that this fund was originally established by Emily Morgan. Dick Booth expressed his appreciation for this fund and the CDPA's managing of it.

We spent approximately \$60,000 on the renovations to PE this winter/spring.

Motion to approve made by Emily Gibbs, Liz West seconded, unanimous approval.

Groundskeeper's Report

Bill MacLaren addressed this topic in Morgan MacLaren's stead as Morgan is engaged in other activities related to the Tyrone Farm business. A plan will be developed and presented at the November meeting.

Tyrone Farm Management Report

Elizabeth Beach reported that PE's opening day this year occurred on June 17th with an excursion to Bunker Hill. Elizabeth obtained materials to add to PE's children's closet as well as historical materials for adults. Much of Elizabeth's work at PE has involved post-renovation cleaning of plaster dust and the effects of seasonal moisture on towels and linens. She also conducted evening prayer in PE's chapel; this will shift to Old Trinity in August and September.

PE will participate in The Last Green Valley's 19th Annual Walktober (formerly Walking Weekends) with two walks. Dick Booth and Elizabeth will lead Daniel Putnam's Constitutional from the house to Old Trinity and back. Elizabeth is considering some fireplace cooking classes for cooler weather as well.

Ted Stever of His Light Construction in Brooklyn discussed the renovations that began last December. Much of the damage to the room over the kitchen and the rear porch roof was caused by water draining improperly. Ted included some modern technology (e.g. metal cables and ties, foamboard insulation) to reinforce and weatherize the structure. He discovered a couple inches of dirt underneath the floorboards upstairs and is not sure why it was there. Baseboard heat already existed but there wasn't any insulation. He sistered the joists under the kitchen's floor to prevent the potential collapse of the original beams. He replaced one of the windows in the downstairs dining room with framing to provide needed support for the exterior wall. He changed the venting on the kitchen sink so it did not have to go through the upstairs floor. Ted is assembling a compact disc of photographs to show CDPA the extent of the damage and repairs.

Bill MacLaren will provide a proposal about having some changes in the winter to help preserve the house. Ted mentioned that something should be done to mitigate the condensation that collects when the house is opened in the spring.

Liz West reiterated how nice it is to come to PE and have it be in such good shape and thanks for the oversight year round.

Nominating Committee

Houston Putnam Lowry asked for volunteers for the nominating committee. Houston emphasized that members are encouraged to participate at any level.

Doug Putnam (awfp@aol.com), Emily Gibbs, and Jennifer Putnam (mathany@volcano.net) volunteered for the nominating committee. Anyone interested in serving should contact them directly.

New Members

No new members were nominated.

Membership News, Old and New Business

Next meeting will be Saturday, October 31st. It is a potluck meeting and all dishes are encouraged. There is a church service at Old Trinity at 11am that day. Potluck lunch and November meeting to follow at PE.

Hope Allen noted that Myrtle Morse was not at the meeting and was missed. Bill MacLaren will ask Myrtle about the turkey for the November meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Katie MacLaren
Secretary