

PORTSMOUTH MUSEUM & FINE ARTS COMMISSION

MINUTES

April 4th, 2017

PRESENT: Karen Burgess
Billie Montgomery Cook
Gordon Jones
Donté Owens
Angela Robinson
Tanya Street
Robert Wilber

STAFF: Nancy S. Perry
Jessica Pitts

ABSENT: Diana Davenport
Lawrence Owes
Ivan Rodden
Donna Rogers

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISORICAL SOCIETY
LIAISON: Gwendolyn Murphy-Cayard

Call to Order :

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Donte Owens, Chair.

Approval of Minutes

Rob Wilber made a motion to approve the minutes. Gordon Jones seconded. Minutes were approved as written.

Foundation Report

- Nancy Perry reported that the Bunny Hop raised close to \$17,000.
- She also mentioned that Pete Schleck, Executive Director, is looking to start an Annual Fund Drive for the Foundation. He is also considering a Capital Campaign in 2020 for the Children's Museum's 40th Anniversary.

Committee Report

Nomination Committee

- Recommendations for officers were presented:
Tanya Street- Chair

Rob Wilber- Vice Chair

Gordon Jones- Secretary

Voting will take place at the May meeting.

Gladstone Hill Committee

- Nancy asked the committee to start thinking about potential candidates for the Gladstone Hill Award
- Applications for the Gladstone Hill award will be made available online.
- Billy Montgomery Cook agreed to be part of the committee.

Awards Committee

- Rob Wilber agreed to serve as Chair for the Awards Committee.

Cultural Arts Committee

- Tanya Street will be stepping down from the Cultural Alliance. Karen Burgess is considering taking her place.

Old Business

- Billy created a draft ordinance for the proposed Cultural Arts District. Nancy will review the draft and report back to the Commission in May.

New Business

- Per the FY18 budget proposal, the Museums' budget will decrease by about \$130,000.
- The ERT sponsored, "Special Day for Special Needs", was well attended. There were over 200 guests. The Portsmouth Service League provided volunteers.

Announcements

- First Friday will be April 7th.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.