

## **Simes House Foundation Annual Meeting Dec. 14, 2017**

Directors present: Jim Pierson, Paul Williams, Will Shain, Rick Welker.

Members present: Galen Green, Linda Williams, Don Severy.

Call to order at 500pm.

Quorum reached with 7 present.

*Verification of posting.*

*Presidents Report*

Attached below.

*Secretary Report*

Motion to accept by Shain. Second by Welker.

Vote unanimous.

Minor changes.

*Treasurer Report*

Reports foundation is in sound financial condition.

\$2,100 in cash. Vanguard value at \$78,200, benefitting from a rising stock market.

Expect net loss for year. Have done good job controlling expenses, especially in light of no event revenue.

Shain asks about lack of events. Welker reassures 8-10 years SHFI should be ok. However, funds will be depleted without scaling back upkeep at the park. Reviewing what events could be held at the park or elsewhere.

Was able to reduce accountant's fee.

Recurring revenue from membership is an important contributor to our financial condition, despite a decline in numbers and we maintain a core group of members.

Discussion of about \$6000 decrease in overall fund.

Motion to accept by Shain. Williams seconds.

Vote unanimous.

*New Business*

Accepted Green's resignation as director. Motion to name Green director emeritus.

Motion by Williams, second by Shain.

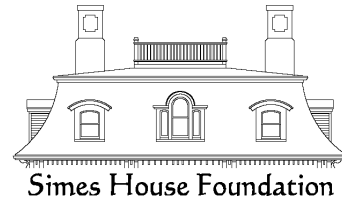
Vote unanimous.

*Vote on Directors*

Williams and Barbara Shain for three-year terms.

Motion for Williams by Green, Welker seconds. Vote unanimous.

Motion for BShain by Williams, second by Green. Vote unanimous.



### *Mission Statement*

Revised focus and content.

Motion by WShain, second by Green.

Vote unanimous.

### *Special Events for Park*

Application and indemnification forms discussed.

Any events we hold we need special insurance at extra cost. Rick hopes the indemnification form will cover SHFI.

Discussion of when forms are required.

Agree board has final say. On website, contact us for availability.

Small sign to point visitors to contact us if they want to use the park.

Motion to allow board to use its discretion to manage events, forms.

Moved by WShain, second by Welker.

Vote unanimous.

### *Fundraising for Park*

Memorial bricks discussed. Open to suggestions.

Catering trucks on July 3 discussed. Noted rezoning probably needed to allow.

Special permit perhaps for each event; Pierson will explore.

Committee may be needed if this expands.

### *Couch and Piano*

Suggestion to donate couch to MVC.

Severy asks if any document outlining how SHFI and MVC interact.

Pierson responds we need to find ways to support the house. Observation MVC isn't as concerned about period-correct furnishing.

Discussion about providing historical info on website for the community.

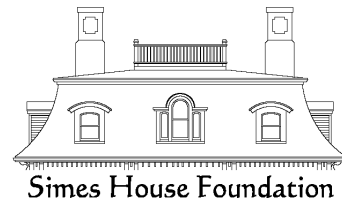
Pierson speaks to intent to continue have house prosper. Remains to be seen how we can cooperate with MVC.

WShain will check with auctioneer about possible value. If worthwhile, may want to sell. If not, will donate to MVC.

Adjournment 625pm.

Motion by WShain, second by Green.

Vote unanimous.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thank you to all for taking time out at this busiest time of the year to attend this meeting. We hope to impart a little information, elect two directors, and formalize a couple changes.

The Foundation played a very passive role in this year's completion of the overall restoration and renewal of the Simes House and Manomet Commons. The Town chose to allow its working group and its permanent building committee almost complete autonomy for the project, although I'm told that our original architect continued to advocate for and implement many of those features that our original Simes House Foundation building had conceived. Several members of the Board and their wives attended the Open House / dedication of the House on July 15, 2017. A very well done pictorial was posted on face Book and our web site by our own Paul Williams. Thank you, Paul.

In late spring, your Board of Directors deliberated at length regarding the Town's Request for Proposal related to the management and oversight of the Simes House property. The end result, though almost heartbreaking, was a decision not to submit bid. The Town's demands were very ambiguous, arbitrary, costly, and far beyond what we felt the Foundation could contract to provide. Going forward, it is our hope and desire to find ways to possibly work with and support the current management group for the good of the Simes House and Manomet community.

On a positive note, we continue to oversee and care for our pride and joy, the Saint Catherine's Chapel Park. Thanks to Will and Barbara Shain for their personal efforts in decorating last Christmas season.

We came out of last winter with a number of downed trees and several more with a threatening lean. This necessitated hiring a professional tree removal service at no small expense. Fortunately, a local fellow from Manomet, Scott Gallagher, did a great job at the best price. The Egan Landscape Group continues to provide great comprehensive service to the lawn and plantings and is very reliable and accommodating. The owner, George Egan, donates frequently to many Manomet facilities and non-profits. Thank you, George.

Fundraising for the Park must be considered going forward and we will discuss this later during the meeting as well as some operational considerations.

James Pierson, President