



MINUTES of MEETING held on Dec. 13, 2016

Committee called to order by S. Burks, Co-Chairman, at 7:15 p.m.

Members present: Sarah Burks, Co-Chair, Chris Costello, Tracy Skahan, Ellen Aamodt, Geraldine Tremblay, Annemarie Delaunay-Danizio, Dan Johnson

Others present: James McGough, Chuck Luca, Mike Borgasano

Absent: Aimee Taberner, Co-Chair, Meghan McDavid

Directors' Update. The Directors and the Curator reported on a number of issues:

- (i) LDS has provided a new drafter for the Newsletter and expects the next issue to be released at the end of January.
- (ii) Robbins Garden Group is preparing for the repair/clean/renovation of the Menotomy Hunter and the pool. The work on the Hunter will be implemented by Bob Shure. The Flagstaff will also be included in the project.
- (iii) The Annual Appeal reached almost \$8K by mid December and is well on its way toward the goal of \$12K.
- (iv) The first phase of improvements to Whittemore Park will commence shortly to map the proposed improvements on the grounds, a bike rack, and the paths through the park.
- (v) 2017 Soiree. Ideas are flowing! Three sponsors have signed up already.
- (vi) An LDS senior visited the museum, an important development in relationship building with CEDAM.
- (vii) Dan Johnson informed the Board that a donor has offered to digitize Dallin's works. All agreed that this was a very exciting development and would be a great contribution.
- (viii) The Board considered a claim for reimbursement of costs for new matting on Dallin photos and holiday decorations. A motion was made by Geri Tremblay, seconded by Sarah Burks, to recommend reimbursement. Unanimously accepted. In this connection, the Board also agreed that Heather Leavell and Ellen Aamodt should review other framed photos to determine which needed updating.

Minutes of October 18, 2016 – E. Aamodt made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Geri Tremblay seconded. Unanimously approved.

Collections/Curatorial

Heather Leavell noted that the signage project on the displays will be undertaken over the next 3 months. Further she also advised that CEDAM acquired a group of 'Magic Lantern' photos as slides which offered great potential for future presentations.

Sarah Burks stated that Kent Ahrens, who had curated an exhibit of Dallin's Small Bronzes at the Rockwell Museum, had donated a small collection of papers to the museum. She said that she had received the materials, which consisted of two unpublished papers, other ephemera, and many photos and 35mm slides, and would get them to Heather to process and acknowledge the gift.

Marketing/Publicity

The exhibit at Town Hall continues through 29 December.

Heather Leavell advised that advertisements were run in regional papers for First Lights for the month of December. Sarah Burks noted that the CEDAM advertisement is running at the Regent Theater.

Volunteer Report – J. McGough distributed and summarized the volunteer report. First Lights was a great success and brought 200 + visitors to the museum. Geri Tremblay made a motion to accept the volunteer report. Ellen Aamodt seconded. Unanimously approved.

Events Calendar

Sarah Burks reported that the house tour of Dallin's home was very successful. It was an auction item won by 3 bidders.

New/Other business

The Trustees were requested to review the list of action items and complete any outstanding items.

Heather Leavell has been invited to deliver a lecture on Dallin at Plimoth Plantation. In the ensuing discussion, she advised that 'Massasoit' meant 'leader'. The real name of the Native American depicted in Dallin's sculpture called 'Massasoit' was Ousamequin.

The Board reviewed the scheduled dates of meetings for 2017 and made an adjustment. Tracy Skahan will book the room reservation with the Planning Office.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m. by S. Burks

Ellen Aamodt, Trustee/Recording Secretary