

Historic Vienna, Inc.

Board Meeting MINUTES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023. 5 p.m.

ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89577187521?pwd=TS9XbzhuUHpkQjRBcDZJdkM4U3VMUT09>

Nancy Moats , Vice President	Anne Stuntz, President	
Mike Berger	_____, Secretary	Leigh Kitcher, Treasurer
Katie Newland (late)	Catherine Hardman	Simeon Moats
Sylvia Taylor	Gloria Runyon (late)	Steve Shannon
	Suzanne Traut	Jon Vrana
	Leslie, Town Liaison	

5:00 discussion about the county's African American markers program, that Sylvia was involved with. There will be 6 new markers this year; an event on February 7 will be announced to celebrate the finalists

- **Call to Order** – Anne 5:14 call to order despite lack of a quorum
- **Treasurer** – Leigh -Katie had had a question regarding what was included in software support (website applications and tools, accounting software, zoom, creative cloud and others as needed). Leigh commented that the book cellar revenue in 2022 exceeded \$28,000, thanks due to tremendous efforts of the Book Cellar team. She commented that HVI needs to do a new appraisal of the collection. New folding chairs were discussed.
- **Minutes** – December minutes were emailed 1/9/2023. Minutes approval pending having a quorum. Approval subject to removing the notes about names of possible candidates. Once quorum was met, minutes were approved.
- **Storekeeper Report** -Susan and Patti Sales were nearly what last year was only \$5,000 less. Having additional flash sales is too time intensive to consider repeating due to the inventory management issues. Would it be possible to have a special vendor specific porch sale? It might be a good draw. **Susan might write up one or more vendors for next HVInk**
- **Book Cellar** – Nancy Total sales in 2022 were the best ever: \$27,917. Special sale on February 12. Now have 'Premium Picks' section for higher value books instead of always sending them to Amazon. They are selling well and reducing workload for Amazon
- **GPR Survey follow up** –Ottery Group needs to be scheduled before MARCH. Request from HVI volunteer interested in archeology to be discussed. Now Ottery has the additional information on the GPR survey and HVI to perform the work. A date has yet to be set. **Anne is following up, and will send a selection of photographs and other materials to them to inform the fieldwork.** (An HVI member would like to assist with the archaeology dig, **Sim will get in touch when he receives contact from Susan,**
- **Membership** -- As Katie wanted this on the agenda and is not present, this discussion was postponed. **Cathy will man a membership table at the February Book Cellarsale.**
- **Register of Historic Structures, Sites or Places**, application for 307 Windover Ave NW. Look at the code regarding the program:
https://library.municode.com/va/vienna/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH25HISTS IPL
The location is approved for the Historic Register as a presumptive candidate due to the register guidelines and the owner is asked to enhance the description and historic value of the property. In particular, past owners would be of interest. **Anne will write the HVI letter to Mercury Payton recommending the addition.**

- **Vote on officers: Anne President, Nancy VP, Leigh Treasurer, Katie Secretary motion approved**

5:30 upcoming events:

Spring membership meeting – need to decide before Feb 5. Who shall we get? Bob Russell re Nuremburg in the 1940s? Mr Jessup on monuments on the Mall? County archeologist on county archeology program? Local professor about indigenous Americans in this area? Civil War topics? Local book dealer? Collectors Evening?

The presentation on monuments on the mall by Mr Jessup would be very interesting, but he would require assistance to make a PowerPoint, which Leigh offered to do. **Anne and Leslie will follow up to schedule Town Hall chambers and Mr Jessup for March or April (not Easter week)**

It was suggested that we consider Rose Powhattan for a talk on Indigenous people. **Gloria was asked to ask Rose Powhatan** if she could do a presentation for the fall membership meeting.

6:00 Reports

- **Buildings and Grounds** – bridge timetable according to Nancy the building materials are in. It is anticipated that the contractor will get their permit soon. The official start date will be January 16. The slabs of slate that fell into the culvert have been repaired.
- **Museum exhibits:**
 - HVI Museum Collection: Board members to draft captions to prepare for 2023 reopening. **Cathy will work this Sunday on case information.** Other board members are asked to help as well.
 - Vienna's African American Trailblazers: any updates
Gloria and Sylvia would like to add the first black policemen and Town Clerk. Mike asked Gloria and Sylvia about encouraging members of the African American community with historic homes to put them on the Historic Register. Gloria and Sylvia agreed to encourage them. Long discussion on how to encourage more homes on the Historic Register. Leslie suggested that in other towns (Arlington??) the historic society pulls photos from online sales sites of renovated older homes and shows what can be done with them and why they are important. **Committee to investigate ideas includes Mike, Cathy, Gloria, Anne**
- **Vienna Quilters Donation** – update? **Nancy is taking care of this**
- **Stephanie Peterson from Fairfax County Public Access Television** Anne in touch with Stephanie regarding first episode of *Hometown Heart*? **Anne will follow up.**
- **Website** – Susan Cathy noticed that we regularly have increased traffic at the weekends. Members liked looking at the reports. The notice on the door should be updated to include a link and QR code for more information.
- **Vienna Voice** –Jan 10 for Feb issue.
- **HVink:** Feb 5 deadline for input in time to announce March opening and spring membership meeting.
- **LLM:** Katie – Little library had 20 visitors this last Sunday. Katie would like to expedite a **review by the Museum Committee of HVI's chairs** that are used in the Little Library, with the goal of deaccessioning some of them.
- **Tours** – need volunteer available to give tour:
 - 4-17 year olds OSA Martial Arts - **Gloria following up**
 - rescheduled Cub Scout Pack 1139, Martin Etner
 - And Service Source. **Jon Vrana** to update re Service Source tour - the person who was trying to organize the tour has left Service Source, so it is unlikely that the tour is still desired.

WETA *If You Lived Here* – will air in the spring, might be online already

Semiquincentennial – 2026. National and State and County groups are set up for the country's 250th anniversary. Will the town have a 250th committee? Remember that the restoration of the Freeman Store was a bicentennial project.

New Board Member search process. **Steve Shannon and Cathy Hardman** were appointed to work with Anne to potential new volunteers and board members.

Announcements, Events.

Katie and Anne went to the McLean Historic Society meeting that was excellent.

Book Launch: Desegregation in Northern Virginia Libraries

Join FCPL librarians Chris Barbuschak and Suzanne LaPierre as they launch their new book *Desegregation in Northern Virginia Libraries*. The duo will speak about the major civil rights activists who successfully desegregated local public libraries during the Jim Crow era. Copies of the book will be available for sale.

Date: Saturday, January 14, 2023, 4:00pm - 5:00pm, , City of Fairfax Meeting Room A, City of Fairfax Meeting Room B, City of Fairfax Regional Library

Excused Absences: John Vrana, Katie Newland (arrived late), Steve Shannon

Unexcused Absence: Suzy Trout

Sustainability Challenge. **Cathy is working on this** for Thrifting and Michele Renee. She will let us know what might work for us.

Leslie's team tracks the information on utility usage for the Freeman Store. **Leslie will send it to us.** We could influence the community by encouraging awareness.

Sustainability Challenge Details

The Town of Vienna strives to attain a sustainable way of living that preserves the natural environment, conserves finite resources, and supports a resilient community for future generations. --Town of Vienna Comprehensive Plan

Complete the worksheet(s) online or forward a hard copy to the Town of Vienna CSC at 127 Center Street South, Vienna VA 22180, or email CSC@viennava.gov by Friday, April 21, 2023, to enter your organization for Vienna Sustainability Challenge recognition.

Adjourned at 7:03 Next Meeting: Second Wednesday in Feb = Feb 8

Minutes approved at February 8 meeting.

Minutes prepared by Anne Stuntz and Leigh Kitcher



Anne Stuntz