

# King William County Historical Society Newsletter

April 2016

## **From Our President**

This is an exciting time to be involved with the King William County Historical Society. Don't believe me? Then take a second to consider all of the activities we have coming up in the year ahead and how your efforts could make a difference.

First, our upcoming meeting is at the Pamunkey Reservation's Museum and Cultural Center. This is a fantastic opportunity to hear Ashley Atkins, Director of the Museum, introduce you to the history of the museum and its many exhibits. The meeting also coincides with the Pamunkey Tribe's recent elevation as Virginia's first federally recognized tribe. What a great opportunity to hear about this amazing development through decades of work and how it will benefit the tribe. Wonder how it might affect King William County and our region? Bring those questions with you.



*Dragonfly mask copy by Ethan Brown*

And the upcoming April 17th meeting is just the beginning. We are excited to be moving forward with plans for the recently acquired Lanesville Christadelphian Church. Donated to our society by one of our most generous and committed supporters, we will be working to open the building for access to the public, recognize its historic significance, and maintain the building for current and future generations to enjoy.

The same is true for our other church property, Acquinton Church. We welcome your involvement in helping guide our plans for this significant historic site. We are currently discussing plans for this site, which is already available for weddings (with two already schedule for this year).

Our society has plenty of work on its schedule and we need your help. A nominating committee will be established by the April meeting and we will be looking for new board members to assist us in shaping the society for the future. And don't forget about the best rural museum in Virginia! Our museum committee is also looking for your help, whether as a docent or as a potential board member. We have an amazing history in King William County, but our greatest need is our most valuable asset: YOU! Please consider joining us at this most momentous time and help us make 2016 one of the best years yet.

Dr. David A. Brown,  
President  
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***Don't Miss it!!***

The Lanesville Christadelphian Church will be open on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 1 PM until 2:30. Stop by and visit prior to the meeting.

*WANTED!!*

The King William County Historical Society is looking for a few good men... and women to serve on the board. We are looking for a president, vice-president, and corresponding secretary. The term limits are up and members are needed to step up and seize these opportunities. If you are interested in serving, please contact Robbie Moran at 769-3371 or email him at [sloe-grove@msm.com](mailto:sloe-grove@msm.com).

Volunteers are also needed to help in the museum to serve as docents as well in other aspects of managing the museum. Volunteer just one afternoon a month and you get to meet new people as well as share the history of our county.

King William County Historical Society Board  
of Directors  
Minutes  
February 7, 2016

The King William County Historical Society Board of Directors met on Sunday, February 7, 2016 at the meeting room at the old jail. David Brown called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m. Those present were David Brown, Audrey Mitchell, Ron Parker, Carl Fischer, Robbie Moran, Sally Pearson and Fran Freimarck.

The minutes of the November 8, 2015 Board meeting were approved as submitted.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted by Ron Parker. The balances as of February 7, 2016 are:

Checking:

\$16,349.53

Museum Savings

\$23,774.91

Church Maintenance

\$43,977.04

Wells Fargo Museum Investment Fund

\$99,904.45

Total:

\$184,005.93

The Board discussed the Museum Savings and Wells Fargo Museum Investment Fund,

both created with the original bequest for the museum after the expenditures for the establishment of the museum were complete. The Museum Savings account was created to have liquid funds for museum purposes. In light of changing needs and conditions, Treasurer Parker will pursue an investment approach to maximize returns on the Museum funds. He will report his findings at a future Board meeting.

Unfinished Business:

The Society now has property tax exemption for the Christadelphian and Acquinton properties. The King William Board of Supervisors made a contribution to the Society in the amount of the taxes the Society paid in 2015. The Board expressed thanks to Sally Pearson and Carl Fischer for their work with the Board of Supervisors to secure this tax exemption.

Treasurer Parker reported that Hoskins Woodworking has been contracted to replace damaged siding on Christadelphian Church at the approximate cost of \$2,000. The new siding will be cedar.



*Acquinton Church*

The Board discussed Acquinton Church rental procedures. Treasurer Parker reported there are contracts in place for weddings at Acquinton on March 19, 2016 and on October 15, 2016.

It was noted that there are four keys to the Christadelphian Church. They are held by the President, Past President, the Treasurer and one is kept in the Society Office. There are five keys to Acquinton Church, held by the

same three officers, in the Society Office and by a Board member who lives near Acquinton to facilitate quick access to the church.

Treasurer Parker received proposals from three firms for preparing Preliminary Information Forms for listing Acquinton and Christadelphian Churches on the State and Federal Registers of Historic Places. He will distribute the proposals to the Proposal Review Committee which will report their recommendation to the Board at the next meeting.

The Board discussed improvements to both Christadelphian Church and Acquinton Church. In order to make the Christadelphian Church suitable as a meeting place for the Society and other purposes Carl Fischer will seek quotes for installing electricity, hvac and lighting in the building.

The Board discussed the offer of wood flooring for Acquinton Church. It was determined that windows would be required to protect the wood flooring. Mr. Fischer will seek a quote for the installation of windows at Acquinton and the Board will discuss the offer of flooring when more information is available.

The Board rescheduled the Membership Meeting at the Pamunkey Indian Reservation for April 17, 2016, the date of our next regularly scheduled Membership Meeting. The Board will present a Resolution of Congratulations on federal recognition to the tribe at that meeting. Christadelphian Church will be open for tours that day.

The Board discussed a joint meeting with the King and Queen County Historical Society, organizing and protecting Society records and a new dehumidifier for the Museum.

#### New Business:

The Museum Council is scheduled to meet April 10th.

Robbie Moran agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee. President Brown will

appoint two more members and the Chair of the Committee.

Carl Fischer reported he met with the President of the West Point Historical Society. They discussed the establishment of West Point's new historical museum.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Fran Freimarck,  
Acting Secretary