

## **Board of Trustees - Museum Division (Monday, May 12, 2025)**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. Establish Quorum (8:32 a.m.)
- B. Moment of Silence
- C. Pledge of Allegiance

### **2. ROLL CALL**

- A. Roll Call
  - Present: Karla Langhus, Caitlyn Socrates, Catherine Bowes, Kathy Bailey, Conner Wolfe, Michelle Reloba, Michael Brown, Michael Blackwell
  - Absent: Valmora Lewis, Jared Loller, Lynn Fitrell, Daniel Kerns
  - Present for County: Karen Stone, Ray Bivens
- B. Approval of Minutes from March 10, 2025 Meeting
  - Michael Brown moves to approve
  - Caitlyn Socrates seconds
  - Approved (with one correction) unanimously

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Recruitment of New Trustee Members
  - Board is at 12 members
  - One more may possibly be added by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County
- B. Division Budget for New Fiscal Year
  - The county budget has been tentatively set and will be made final with a healthy amount for the Museum Division

### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. St. Clement's Island Museum New Building & New Water Taxi Update
  - A contract for the new museum construction will be June 10, 2025. Enough contractors have bid that a selection may be made. Most of the grant funding we receive has either been already drawn down or remains funded for the future for now, with some entities' funding going up and others going down
  - Three new museum assistants have been hired, one of them temporary for summer
  - The contracted boatbuilder passed away, and his replacement doubled the price and so was turned down. The tariffs have made marine grade aluminum impossible to get, so a switch to fiberglass is being considered. There is a time issue - can the builder in Solomons find a hull and make the necessary changes to it before the end of the grant cycle? If not, the old boat (not ADA compliant) will continue to be used and a new grant will be sought
- B. St. Mary's County Museum Division & Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Museums Updates

#### **MARCH**

- Maryland Day at St. Clement's Island Museum was a great success with 300 visitors overall during the day
- The water taxi passed its U.S. Coast Guard inspection; season began March 25th
- Christina Barbour, manager of the St. Clement's Island Museum, renewed her CPRP certification
- Hired one summer intern from St. Mary's College of Maryland through Maryland Department of Labor
- Hired two new museum assistants
- Division participated in Cherry Blossom Festival in Lexington Park with a table and activities
- Division Manager Karen Stone gave a lecture at the Lexington Park Library: "Ladies of the Lights"

#### **APRIL**

- The Division hosted 3 events this month:
  - Rebels & Redcoats at Piney Point Lighthouse Museum for 2nd year as a prelude to Semiquincentennial 250th event in 2026
  - Hosted national author Patrick O'Donnell the night before, who wrote the book about Maryland Regiment in the American Revolution
  - First Landing Wine & Arts Festival at St. Clement's Island Museum will NOT be held in 2026, being enlarged to include music in 2027 (Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival retiring after 25 years and not continuing after 2025)
  - Black Diamond American Civil War weekend will return to 1-day event going forward
- Hired one apprentice from Forrest Tech Center for school year 2025-2026
- Division Manager Karen Stone spoke at Hollywood Lions Club meeting

C. St. Mary's County Department of Recreation & Parks Update

- On May 1, started honoring volunteers who give so very much to the Department as part of a regular meeting; two Museum volunteers were recognized on the day
- There is some money in this year's budget to maintain the Three Notch Trail to smooth stretches where tree roots have created bumps

5. ADJOURN

A. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: July 7, 2025; September 8, 2025; November 3, 2025

B. Upcoming Events

**May**

17: Drayden African American Schoolhouse Open House | 11AM to 2PM  
17: Armed Forces Day (Free admission for military personnel & families w/ ID at SCIM & PPLM)  
17-18: Southern Maryland Cultural Festival at Historic Sotterley | Museum Table  
25: Dinner & a Cruise: Blackistone Lighthouse | 4PM to 8PM  
26: Memorial Day | SCIM, PPLM & OJM open 10AM to 5PM

**June**

6: Leonardtown First Friday | Old Jail Museum open 10AM to 7PM  
7: St. Clement's Island Heritage Day | 10AM to 3PM  
7: Juneteenth Event at Fairgrounds | Museums/Jazz Fest Table  
7: Drayden African American Schoolhouse Open House | 11AM to 2PM  
8: Dinner & a Cruise: History of St. Clement's Island | 4PM to 8PM  
14: Flag Day Ceremony in Leonardtown | Museums Table  
14: St. Mary's County Crab Festival | Museum Store Table  
15: Father's Day Fishing at SCIM | 10AM to 2PM  
15: Father's Day (Free admission for dads at SCIM & PPLM)  
19, 20, 21: Drayden African American Schoolhouse & USCT Open Juneteenth | 11AM to 2PM  
19: Juneteenth Observed | SCIM, PPLM & OJM open 10AM to 5PM  
20: Summer Solstice at PPLM | 10AM to 8PM  
24, 25, 26: St. Clement's Island Museum Art Kids (SCIMAK) | 12PM to 3PM  
25: Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours at PPLM | 5PM to 6:30PM  
28: Community, Culture & Cuisine in Lexington Park | Museums/Jazz Fest Table

**July**

4: Leonardtown First Friday | Old Jail Museum open 10AM to 7PM  
4: Fourth of July | SCIM, PPLM & OJM open 10AM to 5PM  
5: Drayden African American Schoolhouse Open House | 11AM to 2PM  
5: Trivia Night at Potomac Gardens | 5:30PM to 9PM  
8, 9, 10: St. Clement's Island Museum Art Kids (SCIMAK) | 12PM to 3PM  
10-13: Potomac Jazz Festival 25th Shades of Silver Anniversary Weekend

C. Adjournment

- Motion by Michael Brown
- Second by Michelle Reloba
- Adjournment at 9:24 a.m.