

## **Board of Trustees - Museum Division (Monday, September 8, 2025)**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER (8:30 a.m.)**

- A. Establish Quorum
- B. Moment of Silence
- C. Pledge of Allegiance

### **2. ROLL CALL**

#### **A. Roll Call**

- Present Members: Connor Wolfe, Michael Brown, Kathy Bailey, Michelle Reloba, Catherine Bowes, Jared Loller, Valmora Lewis, Michael Blackwell
- Present for County: Karen Stone, Ray Bivens
- Present for the Friends of St. Clements Island and Piney Point Museums: Janet Cooper

#### **B. Approval of Minutes from July 7, 2025 Meeting**

- Motion by Connor Wolfe; seconded by Michael Brown; approved unanimously as presented

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Museums**

- Janet Cooper encouraged all Museum Board members to join the Friends. 2026 will be an unusual year in that St. Clement's Island Museum will not be open.
- In 2027, the Friends will sponsor the First Landing Festival, a two day festival with music, free activities, and artisan vendors. It will occur the second week of July, when the new museum should be open.
- Question: Is there any incentive for Museum board members to bring in new members.
- Answer: Yes, the Friends have a "buy one-get one" opportunity; it is perhaps especially useful with adult children who once enjoyed the Museums as youths.

### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. St. Mary's County Museum Division Update**

##### **July**

- The Division participated in 1 event this month and held Open House Days:
  - Drayden African American Schoolhouse was open on 2 weekends
  - Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival – 4-day event
    - Thursday: Piney Point LHM was open late for Jazz at Sunset
    - Friday: Jazz In the Neighborhood at SCIM
      - Included US Navy Band The Commodores concert
    - Saturday: SCIM was the site of the main event
    - Sunday: Cruises out of SCIM and a Jazz Brunch at Wicomico Shores
- Division Manager gave a talk at the Leonardtown Library (History of St. Clement's Island)
- SCIM Kids Art Summer Program Continued
- Junior Historian Program was held at PPLHM
- Filming for 2 different promotions was done at museum sites
  - Visit St. Mary's MD county-wide commercial
  - MD Tourism: Religious Freedom Byway commercial
- Division held a retirement dinner for Tom Emery, Museum Tech

##### **August**

- The Division held 4 special events this month and held Open House Days:
- Drayden African American Schoolhouse was open on 2 weekends
- National Lighthouse Weekend was held at both sites, in cooperation with the St. Clement's Hundred
- Children's Day was held at St. Clement's Island Museum
- Official Groundbreaking Ceremony was held at SCIM, in conjunction with the PIO
- Last Out Social was held at SCIM as a Friends members only event
- The SCIM building is empty, and operations have moved into the annex
- Division Manager gave a talk at the Lexington Park Library as part of the World on the Move exhibit
- Division manager gave a talk at the Plumb Library in Shelton, CT on the Black Diamond incident
- DPW held a pre-bid meeting for the shoreline project at Piney Point
- DPW held a post-award meeting for the new building project with WM Davis at SCIM (they take possession 9/8)
- Larry Anderson accepted the position of Museum Tech and began on August 15th
- Pier at Piney Point was repaired (end completed that was left undone last year due to lack of funding)
- Submitted Grants
  - MD 250th Commission in support of Rebels & Redcoats (April 2026) – waiting for reply

- SOMD National Heritage Area in support of Augmented Reality program at USCT Int. Center – awarded in full

Various:

- As much as much as possible is being repurposed from the St. Clement's Island Museum—doors, plaques, etc.-- which is being given over as presents for Friend's donors or other county capital projects.
- The Annex is handling water taxi sales.
- Maryland Day will continue but will be organized differently.
- Events at Piney Point are going on as usual.
- Museum Board members are encouraged to seek sponsors for Rebels & Redcoats.

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

- The Department is transitioning to the CivicsPlus software, which allows for user-friendly public registration for events.
- On October 21, the Department will host the County's Citizen's Academy.
- The Department is having a staff service day for education and team building.
- The Three Notch Trail is having lots of work done to patch pavement broken up by tree roots.

5. ADJOURN

A. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: November 3, 2025

B. Upcoming Events

September

13: FamilyFest on the Potomac | 10AM to 4PM  
 13: Second Saturday: Frame the Beach | PPLM Family Fest, 4PM to 5PM  
 20: Drayden African American Schoolhouse Open House | 11AM to 2PM  
 18 - 21: St. Mary's County Fair | Museum Table  
 21: Dinner & a Cruise: Blackistone Lighthouse | 4 pm to 8pm  
 27: RiverFest at Historic St. Mary's City | 10AM to 3PM, Museums Table

October

1: St. Mary's County Employee Wellness Day (Tabling) | 10AM to 2PM  
 3: Leonardtown First Friday | Old Jail Museum open 10AM to 7PM  
 3: Osprey Gala  
 4: Blessing of the Fleet (Leonardtown Wharf) | Museum Table  
 4: Drayden African American Schoolhouse Open House | 11AM to 2PM  
 10: Community Health and Wellness Fair (Tabling) | 9AM to 3:30PM  
 11: Second Saturday: Batty for Bats | SCIM, 10AM to 12PM  
 13: Columbus Day | SCIM, PPLM & OJM open 10AM to 5PM  
 18: Drayden African American Schoolhouse Open House | 11AM to 2PM  
 18 - 19: U.S. Oyster Festival at Fairgrounds  
 31: Water Taxi Service at SCIM ends

November

1: Emancipation Day Event at Old Jail Museum  
 7: Leonardtown First Friday | Old Jail Museum open 10AM to 7PM  
 8: Second Saturday: DIY Ornament Workshop | PPLM, 10AM to 12PM

C. Adjournment

- Motion by Michael Brown; Seconded by Michael Blackwell; adjournment at 9:09 a.m.