

GAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 @ 5:30 PM

Meeting in Conference Room

50 Skyline Drive, Worcester, MA 01605

1. Call to Order

- Present: Chairperson: Dan McAuliffe, George Maple, Michael Baker

2. Approval of minutes from December 13, 2016 meeting.

- Approved 3-0

3. Items of business:

a. Update on the progress of placing certain city property under the care of the GAR Memorial Board of Trustees into a Trust that will insure it will remain in the city for all time.

b. Update from Board Trustee Hixon, on the disposition of the books stored in the Auditorium.

- Board Member Linda Hixon was absent. Board member Michael Baker updated that right now the Worcester Historical Museum may be unable to take the books.

c. Report from Tim Boucher, city liaison, as to balance of the Board's financial status.

- Tim Boucher absent, tabled until next meeting.

d. Member's manual update (ongoing project).

- Chairman McAuliffe updated the board, explaining he and member Linda Hixon are working on the manual.

4. New business to come before the Board.

a. Renew the Confederate flag loan agreement with the Museum of the Albemarle, Elizabeth City, NC for an additional two years (through October 2019).

- Board agrees that the flags are best displayed publicly in places that will appreciate it. The lease agreement should be renewed for two more years, with stipulations flags can be sub leased other institutions on permission of the board. Voted 3-0 that lease agreement should be reviewed and revised.

b. Consider future Southern Museums for displaying the Confederate flags. Report from Chairperson McAuliffe's visit to the Tyron Palace in New Bern, NC as a

possible site.

- Discussion was opened about Tyron place. The facility is a wooden building lacking adequate security. This issue was agreed upon by Chairman McAuliffe, and members George Maple and Michael Baker. Board voted 3-0 to table the item so that other members can be involved in the discussion, as well as research alternatives at Tyron palace.

c. Open discussion on Board member articles to be written on Worcester's Civil

War history for the Board's Facebook Page.

- Board agrees that social media activity is necessary for the GAR board. The Facebook page was open to members to post information and historical posts to generate interest.

d. Any new business to come before the Board.

5. Set date and time for next meeting

6. Vote to adjourn.