

# **AUBURN'S HISTORIC & CULTURAL SITES COMMISSION**

Meeting minutes from January 14, 2015, Stardust Conference Room, 2 State St., Auburn

**Present:** M. Alberici, J. Camardo, B. Chabot, M. Clary, A. Fuller, C. Reilley, D. Stankus, M. Vanek

**Excused:** Rev. P. Carter, L. Frank, D. Lamb, J. Loperfido, E. McHugh, S. Muldoon, K. Walker  
**Guests:**

## **Approval of the Minutes**

M. Vanek read the Commission's mission and vision statements. B. Chabot made a motion to accept the 11/12/14 minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by A. Fuller. **All were in favor and the motion carried.**

## **Approval of the Treasurer's Report**

B. Murdoch reported on expenses since 11/12/14. M. Vanek made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by D. Stankus. **All were in favor and the motion carried.**

## **Site Directors – No report**

## **Marketing Committee**

M. Vanek reported the inquiry numbers remain low, attributing it to the lack of advertising. M. Vanek stated that Steve Keeler, Director, School of Media and the Arts, at CCC, will partner with the Commission members to create a video of all of the sites and Fort Hill Cemetery for promotional use. The project will begin in the Spring Semester and be completed by August.

## **Community Outreach**

A. Fuller announced that she and John Kingsley are working with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to tweak the Passport to History Program for this year. It will run between the winter and spring break as before.

## **Unfinished Business**

Newspaper column – A. Fuller will submit information to The Citizen on the Passport to History Program due 3/8/15. C. Reilley agreed to coordinate and submit information on summer happenings "Sites in the Summer", which will be due 5/31. She will be asking Commission members for their details in early April.

## **New Business**

B. Murdoch was happy to report that our updated web site is now live. She urged everyone to check it out and let her know if any changes or additions need to be made.

B. Chabot said the Holiday Traditions event was successful. The Seward House estimates 350 + were in attendance. J. Camardo stated St. Francis of Assisi Church was filled to capacity with the performance of the Auburn Chamber Orchestra, Auburn Community Chorus, Auburn Public Chorus, and guest choir MasterWorks Chorale.

M. Alberici asked that Commission members help promote the weekend bus trip to the Berkshires, a fundraiser for the Commission that will be funneled through the Community Preservation Committee. Susan Marteney has put together an educational and interesting tour. Full details are on the Willard Chapel web site – [www.willard-chapel.org](http://www.willard-chapel.org).

D. Stankus, on behalf of the nominating committee, announced that M. Alberici, S. Muldoon, and herself, have agreed to stay on an additional term. M. Alberici was nominated for the position of Chairperson for 2015, and A. Fuller as Vice-Chairperson. Motion was made by B. Chabot and seconded by J. Camardo to re-elect M. Alberici, S. Muldoon, and D. Stankus as Commission members, M. Alberici as Commission Chairperson, and A. Fuller as Vice-Chairperson. **All were in favor and the motion carried.**

### **Announcements**

Commission members shared upcoming event information at their sites.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. by C. Reilley. The motion was seconded by A. Fuller. **The next Commission meeting will be held on 3/11/15 at the Stardust Conference Room.**

Recorded by Barbara Murdoch