

MINUTES OF THE FRIENDS OF THE KAMINSKI HOUSE ANNUAL MEETING
April 18, 2018

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Kaminski House was held Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at 5:30 PM on the lawn of the Kaminski House, 1003 Front Street, Georgetown, SC.

Directors in Attendance: Penn Moore (President), Jim Pomplun (Treasurer), Frances Hills (Secretary), Robin Gabriel (Recording Secretary/Executive Director), Greg Farmer, Kevin Jayroe, Spike Lenoue, Pete Little, Rebecca Ceron Martin,

Absent: Brett Phillips and Amanda Patrick.

President Penn Moore called the meeting to order as Chairman and Robin Gabriel acted as Recording Secretary for the meeting. The meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business at 5:30 PM.

Minutes from the April 27, 2017 Annual Meeting were approved with a motion from Mr. Moore and a second from Mr. Little, with none opposed.

1. President's Report – Mr. Moore welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked attendees to refer to the annual report for further details of the events of this past year. He discussed the Friends vision of “ensuring a future for the past,” and mentioned some of the many changes that have taken place this past year. Mr. Moore asked the attendees to gaze into the future and then discussed the FKH climate control project and the goal to raise the funds for the project within the next few years. He also mentioned that the Kaminski House will be celebrating its 250th birthday in 2019.
2. Executive Director's Report – Ms. Gabriel reported that her report can be read in the annual report that was handed out earlier in the evening. She thanked all of the board members for their dedication and hard work for the past year and expressed her gratitude for their help in making the museum such a success during the past year. She also encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming Wedding Showcase on Sunday, April 29th from 1-4 PM, and the Long Bay Youth Symphony concert on Sunday, May 6th at 3 PM.
3. Treasurer's Report – Mr. Pomplun reported that he has been in office for about a month and told the attendees that his first steps were to review the FKH's finances and get a better understanding of the museum's budget. He assured everyone that the organization had a strong balance sheet and that the staff is doing a good job with the museum's finances. He went on to mention that the finance committee will soon meet to review the fiscal policies and procedures to make sure that all is done in as efficient manner as possible.

4. Capital Projects and Fundraising Committee – Mr. Farmer reported that the committee has been existence for a little over a year and is charged with raising funds for capital projects like the climate control project. He reported that the museum’s staff is working on grants for the climate control project and that the committee hopes to have something planned every 2 months or so this next year, leading up the 250th birthday of the house.
5. House & Grounds Report –Mr. Jayroe reminded attendees that Julia Kaminski wanted to give the Kaminski house to the people of Georgetown and that the FKH took this responsibility seriously. He mentioned that the house is being used as Julia would have liked it and that the FKH has done an excellent job of maintaining the house.
6. Marketing Committee Report –Ms. Leatherwood reported that it has been a good year for the museum. She has had much success in receiving grants for marketing the museum. She reported how grant funding has allowed the museum to expand its event rental advertising to the Charleston Wedding market and has allowed the museum to expand its advertising for *A Very Fashionable Christmas*. Ms. Leatherwood went on to report that income from wedding rentals have doubled since last year and that the highlight of the year was the Eclipse Wedding in August 2017. The Eclipse Wedding received national coverage and was reported in the New York Times Wedding Vows section, as well as in the Huffington Post and numerous travel blogs.
7. Certification of Quorum – Ms. Gabriel reported that a quorum was present with proxies and those in attendance.
8. Nominating Committee - Mr. Lenoue stated that there were three excellent candidates up for re-election to the board and he made a motion to elect Pete Little, Penn Moore, and himself (Spike Lenoue) to the Friends of the Kaminski House board of directors. Mr. Pomplun seconded the motion and it was passed with none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6: 05 PM with a motion by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Pomplun. None opposed.

Respectfully submitted by:

Robin Gabriel
Recording Secretary