

Fairlington Historical Society
May 22, 2023
Minutes

Attendees: Gavin, Martha, Beth, Phil, Dan, Patti, Lisa

The Fairlington Historical Society (FHS) convened its Board of Trustees on May 22, 2023 to consider the following agenda:

1. **May 2023 survey results.** Respondents showed interest in the following:
 - a. Attending a House and Garden tour in Fall 2023
 - b. Interest in articles in AFB - We discussed using information from the archives.
 - c. Interest in Fairlington history book and 80th anniversary celebration - The Board decided to not do a separate celebration considering the last celebration for the 75th anniversary. .
 - d. Dan – new website by the end of the year.
2. **Fairlington Presidents Council:** The Fairlington condo associations' Presidents Council is best way to leverage contact with all of the Fairlington Boards. Beth will find out scheduling for the next one. The Board discussed doing a quick presentation about what the FHS is doing and sharing contact information.
3. **House and Garden tour:** Beth will send information to Barbara about who volunteered to show their houses. The Board agreed that Barbara will be the chair to organize the event.
4. **FHS volunteers:** Looking for more volunteers for FHS. The Board agreed that Lisa will send an email to solicit help with House and Garden tour, publishing articles, help with website.
5. **Amending bylaws** – Phil will update with the changes to the FHS in 2023. The Board agreed we should include language that there can be ad hoc committees as needed.
6. **Articles for Fairlington newsletter:** Talk to editor Regina Bethencourt about running Fairlington history newsletters, then we can take turns editing and re-publishing old articles. Deadline is normally 10th of the month. Beth will do the June article for June 10. Lisa will do July 10.
7. **Other ideas for FHS:**
 - a. Arlington Historical Society and Historic Preservation office in Arlington County – they have a grant program. AHS – could get a grant for a guidelines/tours for the exteriors. Give pamphlet for people renovating house and get tax rebate. Patti will give information for monthly newsletter and get them printed. Julie Butler – Historic Preservation/Architeturual Integrity Committee
8. **Next meeting:** The Board agreed to re-convene on June 12.

Updates since May 22 Board meeting:

- We will not do a Home and Garden tour in the fall, as previously discussed, based on Barbara's feedback. She suggested we plan for a Spring 2024 Home and Garden tour.
- Next Board meeting will be June 20, due to availability of the community center.