

Minutes of the Patriots Point Development Authority Museum and Education Committee Meeting, 1:00 P.M., Thursday, February 20, 2025, Patriots Point Boardroom, Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Marlowe, *Chair*
Wayne Adams

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: James Smith

STAFF PRESENT: Allison Hunt, *Executive Director*
Chris Hauff, *Chief of Staff*
Nick Magar, *Chief Financial Officer*
Gina Zahran, *Visitor Services Director*
Tamara Parker, *Visitor Services*
Kalah Webber, *USS Yorktown Foundation*
Meredith Kablick, *Collections/Curatorial Affairs Director*
Sam Elkin, *Marketing Director*
Lori Held, *Administrative Coordinator*

Susan Marlowe called the Museum and Education Committee Meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Prior to the meeting, a copy of the proposed agenda was distributed via email to the Committee members, media, and designated guests.

- A. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
The agenda was approved with no changes.
- B. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**
The minutes were approved with no changes.
- C. **EDUCATION DEPARTMENT REPORT**

In Keith Grybowski's absence, Chris Hauff presented the Education Department report. Fifth grade program is operating at maximum capacity with our current staff. The Education Department is currently recruiting more contract teachers and hiring a full-time temporary person to help with the Education Department. Mr. Hauff also gave updates on the Flight Academy.

Meredith Kablick reported on the Curatorial Department collaboration with the Education Department on a professional development program, *Weaving A Story: Reading Between the Lines of Shore Leave*. The program reached teachers in ten schools in the Charleston School County District and was the first program developed with assistance from CCSD.

D. COLLECTIONS AND CURATORIAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Ms. Kablick reported on their newest online collection, *The Artful Engineer: The Collection of Stephen D. Fitch*. She also reported on two new temporary exhibits: a new display in the Quonset hut case on medics in Vietnam to be open for Vietnam Veterans Day, and an exhibit on the Laffey for the Battle of Okinawa anniversary. Ms. Kablick also reported on a traveling exhibit in partnership with the Commemorative Airforce. This exhibit features artifacts from the USS *Laffey* and the USS *Yorktown*.

Kayla Webber gave an update on the Foundation's collaboration with the Curatorial Department. *Stow Away*, a new hidden collections tour, is a virtual program for museum members. This new tour will take members behind the scenes and below decks with for an inside look at some of the off-display collections.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

Allison Hunt reported on the meeting with the Medal of Honor Society in preparation for the National Medal of Honor Day. She also gave updates on the Laffey's 80th anniversary of Okinawa event along with the Laffey Association reunion. Ms. Hunt also updated the committee on the Master Plan.

With no public comments, the meeting adjourned at 2:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Lori Held

Lori Held, *Recording Secretary*

c/Allison Hunt

Allison Hunt, *Secretary*