

Philadelphia Union League

Flemish Room, January 29th, 1896.

The Board of Trustees held a meeting at 4 o'clock P.M., present J.J. Bailly, C.N. Weygandt, J.T. Morris, John Sartain, A.G. Hetherington, C.J. Cohen, J.J. Bailly in the chair and in the absence of the Secretary, C.J. Cohen acted in his place. Minutes of December 27th 1895 were read and approved. The minutes of the Annual Meeting of December 28th, 1895 were read and approved. Mr. Fox and Mr. Converse wrote letters asking to be excused from attendance at the meeting. The treasurer submitted his monthly statement, showing a net total of balance of \$84915.95 under date of January 29th, 1896.

Letters were read from Westcott and Thomson in reference to the Sommerville Gems and from the Gorham Manufacturing Co. of New York, in reference to bronzes. A communication from the assistant secretary in reference to the names of those who had contributed ~~xx~~ their services and interest to the last entertainment on behalf of the Association was read, and on motion a vote of thanks was ordered to be tendered to all those whose names were stated on the list in the discretion of the secretary.

On motion it was adopted that a committee consisting of Messrs Morris and Cohen should be appointed to consider the desirability of engaging Prof. Hudson Shaw to deliver a lecture on Florence in behalf of the Association or other subject connected with art either in connection with the monthly entertainment or otherwise as might be deemed most advisable. Mr. Cohen on behalf of the Finance Committee, presented a communication from Henry K. Fox Esq., Treasurer of the Association, which was ordered to be placed upon the minutes upon explanation that nearly all of the points covered by Mr. Fox's letter were provided for in the By-Laws of the Association, it was upon motion adopted that Mr. Fox be advised of this point and furthermore in response to his suggestion the Board decides that the amount of the bond to be furnished by the Treasurer should be in the sum of \$10,000, the expense incident thereto to be charged to the account of the Association.

The following rules upon motion were adopted, governing the drawing of warrants and checks, namely:

Each warrant drawn by the Secretary shall be countersigned by the chairman of the meeting at which the appropriation was authorized. Each check drawn by the Treasurer shall be countersigned by the President or one of the Vice Presidents', or a member of the Finance Committee of the Association.

The Safe Deposit Box containing securities of the Association shall be accessible to the Treasurer only in the presence of the President or of a member of the Finance Committee.

Upon motion it was adopted that a committee consisting of Messrs. Hetherington, Miller and Howell should be appointed to consider the character to be adopted for the unveiling of the Garfield Memorial during the coming spring, and to make suggestions in connection therewith in a report to the Board of Trustees at the next stated meeting to be held in February.

Upon motion the following resolution was adopted ordered to be spread upon the minutes and a copy of the same to be sent by the Secretary to the Hon. Samuel Gustine Thompson. "The Board of Trustees takes the opportunity of its first assembling to extend to the Hon. Samuel Gustine Thompson its appreciation of his having presided at the recent Annual Meeting of the Fairmount Park Art Association, the occasion being one of exceptional interest and its success due in large measure to the ability grace and dignity of the presiding officer."

Adjourned 5 o'clock P.M.

Charles J. Cohen,
Secretary pro tem.

Union League House February 20th 1896. A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at 4.30 P.M. Present: John H. Converse, C. N. Weygandt, Charles J. Cohen, John T. Morris, Ferdinand J. Dreer, Henry K. Fox, Westcott Bailey, (5.10) C. H. Howell Secretary. Mr. L. W. Miller asked to be excused. President in the Chair. The minutes of Jan. 29th were read and approved. The question of engaging Professor Hudson Shaw for a lecture for the benefit of the association was referred to Messrs. Morris, Cohen and Howell. The Treasurer's report was read and approved. The Treasurer presented the bond of the America Surety Co. for ten thousand dollars 10,000.00 which bond was placed in the custody of the President, Mr. John H. Converse. Mr. Fox, Treasurer, requested that the Board authorized the transfer of mortgages as per the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the President and Secretary be authorized and directed to execute assignments and transfers of the Mortgage of \$3200 made by Ellen R. Althouse and secured on premises 2000 Mervine Street, and the Mortgage of \$10,000 made by Elizabeth Ashhurst and secured on premises 2210 Walnut Street, and that they be directed to affix the Seal of the Association to such transfers.

Agreed to Mr. Fox moved that a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. Morris for his kindness in advancing money on these mortgages before their transfer Agreed to. The sub-committee on unveiling Garfield memorial consisting of Messrs. Hetherington, Miller and Howell submitted the following form for the consideration of the Board

- #1 Prayer by Rev. Bishop Whittaker,
- 2 Address by Mayor Warwick as chairman,
- 3 Presentation and Unveiling by The Fairmount Park Art Association making the Sculptor and Architect a feature.
- 4 Artillery salute and Music,
- 5 Acceptance on behalf of Park Commission,
- 6 Poem 7 Oration Hon. George F. Edmunds
- 8 Benediction Most Rev. P. J. Ryan,
- 9 Music

Order of Procession: Committees, General George R. Snowden, Colonel John P. Nicholson, Colonel T. E. Wiedersheim, Colonel R. Dale Benson, Colonel Wendell C. Bowman, Colonel R. Biddle Porter, Colonel Robert Ralston, General E. Burd Grubb, Report also named Colonel Rockwell for invited guests General Harrison to be invited in case Senator Edmunds declines to deliver the oration Report was received and the committee authorized to confer with the Military committee Mr. Cohen moved that the communication from Mr. Kelsey, President of the T square club be referred to the committee on Works of Art. It was so ordered Mr. Laird President of the Fine Arts League sent copy of the Constitution and By Laws of the League Secretary spoke of employing Miss Brown for six months in connection with the Executive committee of the Charity Ball who employ her for six months where upon the Secretary was authorized to make arrangements for the clerical work of the Association. On motion adjourned.

(Balance of this meeting 10-27-07)

FAIRMOUNT PARK ART ASSOCIATION.

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Associate " .	1.00	1.00
Cadets, .	.50	.50

PHILADELPHIA, March 18, 1896.

The Board of Trustees met in the Chess Room at The Art Club at 4 P.M. Present: Joel J. Bailey, F.J. Dreer, C.J. Cohen, C.N. Weygandt, L.W. Miller, Westcott Bailey (5 P.M.) C.H. Howell, Secretary. Mr. J.J. Bailey in the chair. The minutes of February 20th were read and approved. A communication from the Entertainment committee was received proposing a night fete on the Schuylkill River in Fairmount Park in connection with the unveiling of the Garfield Memorial Day, May 30th, 1896. It was moved by Mr. Weygandt that the suggestion be approved and that the \$250. already appropriated to the Committee and remaining unexpended be available and if necessary \$250 additional for the expenses. Seconded by Mr. Dreer, Agreed to.

Letter from Mr. Vossion was received offering on behalf of Mr. Bartholdi a replica in bronze of his group "Washington and Lafayette" the original of which has lately been erected in the Place des Etats Unis, Paris. Price \$7000 or \$8000. freight paid, pedestal to be erected by the purchaser.

Mr. Cohen moved that "In view of the inability of the Fairmount Park Art Association to accept the courteous and generous offer of M. Bartholdi that in accordance with the request of Mr. Vossion French Consul in Philadelphia, his communication be referred to the Trustees of the Wilstach Collection. Seconded Mr. Weygandt. Agreed to.

Mr. Cohen moved and Mr. Bailey seconded a vote of thanks to Mr. ^{Honorable} ~~James~~ Washington, resident ⁱⁿ Consul in Cairo, Egypt, for his kind offices in securing photographs of the pedestal ^{of the monument} ~~to Ibrahim~~ Pasha. Car-
ried.

In view of special services rendered this association by Hon. Edwin H. Fitler it was moved by Mr. Weygandt and seconded by Mr. Bailey that a vote of thanks be tendered Hon. Edwin H. Fitler and that he be elected Honorary Member of the Association. Unanimously adopted.

The question of the pedestal for the Grant Statue was discussed and postponed to a meeting to be called by the Chair. On Motion, seconded--adjourned.

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For Commemorative and Morris with excursions for a banquet.

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PHILADELPHIA, March, 30th. 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Western National Bank at noon today at the request of the Entertainment Committee. Present:-Messrs. John H. Converse, Henry K. Fox, C. N. Weygandt, John T. Morris, Leslie W. Miller, A. G. Hetherington, Charles J. ~~XXXX~~ Cohen, C. H. Howell, Secretary.

Mr. Converse, President, in the chair. The representatives of the Entertainment Committee were invited into the Board room, Present:-Miss. Charlotte Pendleton, Chairman, Mrs. Parks, Miss. Newbold, Mrs. Frazer, Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Wister, Mr. Keese, Dr. Talcott Williams, Messrs. Paul and Duane.

Miss Pendleton offered the following statement of the progress and plans of the Committee:-

The following resolution was then offered and adopted:-
Resolved, That all arrangements for the unveiling of the Garfield Memorial and the proposed River Fete (on the Schuylkill) be referred to the Entertainment Committee with power: provided that the expense to the Association be limited to the \$500. already appropriated, and that the Entertainment Committee is authorized to use all moneys raised in connection with the Fete, including an amount equal to such new membership dues as are received up to June 1st. 1896.

Adjourned

Secretary.

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Western National Bank, PHILADELPHIA, April, 28th, 1896

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at noon. Present: Messrs. Joel J. Baily, H. K. Fox, J. T. Morris, F. J. Dreer, C. N. Weygandt, W. W. Justice, John Sartain, C. J. Cohen, J. Sergeant Price (Counsel), L. W. Miller, E. B. Warren, C. H. Howell, Secretary. Mr. A. G. Hetherington called and asked to be excused.

Mr. Baily, Vice-President was called to the chair. The Minutes of March 30th, were approved with the understanding that the appropriation to the Entertainment Committee should not include the 10% of Annual Dues and the monies from Life and Perpetual Members which go to the Permanent Funds as provided by the By-Laws.

A letter was received from Mrs. Leverett Bradley, Chn. Committee on Lights for the Unveiling of the Garfield Statue, asking permission to have the Memorial uncovered some nights before the event to see the effects of light upon the statue. Moved by Mr. Weygandt, and seconded and carried, that the request be referred to the Secretary with power to act.

The selection of a site for the erection of the "Lion Fighter" was referred to the Committee on Works of Art with Power to act.

The cast of Boy playing marbles, by Calder was referred to the Committee on Works of Art.

Letter from S. M. W. Ely, Secty of Finance Committee of Entertainment Committee requesting payment to Treasurer Mr. C. J. Cohen, of the Entertainment Committee of the \$500. appropriated by the Board of Trustees.

Moved by Mr. Warren and seconded by Mr. Weygandt that the Secretary be authorized to draw a warrant for \$500 upon the Garfield Fund in favor of Mr. C. J. Cohen Treasurer of the Entertainment Com.

Carried

Letter from Bureau Brothers offering to supply busts and medallions of General Grant.

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Mr. Morris suggested that we should have coupons of the bronze used in castings made for us and that it should be so specified in the contracts and commissions given hereafter. The condition of the LINCOLN Monument in Fairmount Park indicates that inferior metal had been employed.

Mr. Warren thought that it would be a satisfaction to know from competent authority the best alloy for bronze.

Mr. Morris moved that the Secretary be requested to ask Messrs. French, St. Gaudens and Fremiet, what is in their judgment the best alloy to use for future castings. Carried.

Mr. Miller stated that he had conversed with Mr. French who stated that the climate had much to do with the appearance of bronze after exposure, and thinks that there is no remedy. It requires care. If an object is worth erecting it is worth being cared for, as is a lawn or other piece of property.

Foley Fountain. Letters were read from Mrs. C. Stuart Patterson, Mrs.

Baldwin, and Mr. A. E. Outerbridge Jr.. The communications were referred to the Committee on Works of Art.

It was stated by that the late Randolph Rogers, sculptor had said that bristle brushes with water should be used for cleaning marble statuary. That OIL in soap and even in feathers would stain marble.

It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Cohen that the Secretary be instructed to start the Childrens' Art Brigade in the interest of the GRANT FUND and that the Certificates for the Cadets shall bear the vignette of General Grant. CARRIED/ADJOURNED.

Charles H. Howell
Secretary.

Philadelphia, May, 27th. 1896, at noon a meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Western National Bank. Present Messrs. J. H. Converse, W. W. Justice, C. N. Weygandt, C. J. Cohen, J. J. Baily, A. G. Hetherington and C. H. Howell, Mr. Converse, President, in the chair, and Mr. Howell as Secretary. Messrs. G. B. Roberts, H. K. Fox, and E. B. Warren, were excused for absence

Miss. Pendleton, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee desired to be heard, and was invited to be present. Miss. Pendleton made a very full report of the arrangements that had been completed by the Committee, and at one o'clock the Board of Trustees proceeded with the regular business. Mr. Cohen asked leave to offer a minute, as follows which was read and adopted. The minutes of the last meeting of April 28th. were read by Mr. Hetherington and approved.

Communications as follows were read:-

Mrs. Leverett Bradley, Chairman Committee on Lights, dated April 23rd. Secretary's telegram to Stanford White, May 6th.

Letter from Stanford White, May 8th. 1896.

L. Vossion, French Consul, May, 10th. 1896.

Dr. William Pepper, May 9th. 1896.

General Louis Wagner, President Board of City Trusts, May, 15th.

A. E. Outerbridge, Jr., May 26th.

Augustus St. Gaudens, May, 26th.

H. K. Fox, Esq. Treasurer's Report-Accepted.

The minute adopted at the beginning of the meeting was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Cohen, Justice and Hetherington, for publication.

It was decided that the Board should be expected to wear Silk Hats and dark suits for the River Fete, and that evening dress be not required.

A proposition from Messrs. Charles S. Keyser and Frank H. Taylor for the publication of a book to be entitled "Historical Buildings and Places and the Art Treasurers in Fairmount Park" was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

As the Entertainment Committee would be ready to report between Monday June 8th. and June 10th. the Secretary was authorized to call a meeting of the Board for that purpose.

The proposition of Messrs. Bailey Banks and Biddle to supply ^{an artist} the crest, used by the Entertainment Committee, provided it would be adopted by the Board, and all orders sent to Messrs. B. B. & B. for a stated period was declined, and the Board recommends that the cut be paid for as the Association is not yet ready to adopt a permanent crest.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT ITS STATED MEETING HELD MAY 27th 1896
DESIRES TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING MINUTE

The idea and scope of the work of the Fairmount Park Art Association were brought into practical shape in the Month of May 1871, the first name in the list of members having been signed in June of that year. It therefore seems fitting at this time for the Board of Trustees in meeting assembled to commemorate the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the Association by a congratulatory message to its fellow-member, Colonel Charles H. Howell, now serving the Society as its Honorary Secretary.

To Colonel Howell is due high praise for having laid down the lines upon which the Society should develop its plans, by his continued and untiring labor, executive ability, and urbanity of manner the Association has been carried to its present position of prosperity and prominence in our Community.

The Board feels it a just and pleasurable duty to acknowledge to Colonel Howell in this formal manner the great value placed upon his services, services that have at all times and under many trying circumstances been faithfully, efficiently and cheerfully performed, and to that end it resolves to add his name to the list of Honorary Members of the Fairmount Park Art Association.

Western National Bank,

June 11th 1896 -

An meeting of the Board of Directors was held at 11³⁰ am primarily to receive the report of the Entertainment Committee upon the Fete of May 30th.

Present: - Messrs J. H. Converse, J. F. Barry, W. W. Justice, C. H. Weygandt, E. J. Cohen, C. C. Harrison, C. H. Howell Secy.

Mr Converse, President in the Chair.
Of the Entertainment Committee Present, Miss Pen-
dleton, Newbold, Murphy

Mr Cohen, Dick, Patten,

Messrs Day, Keese, Paul.

Mr Cohen, Treasurer, read his report

Miss Pendleton ^{Ch} read her report

Mr Harrison moved that the reports be received and accepted and that thanks be extended to the ^{members of the} Entertainment Committee for the extraordinary efficiency they had shown in carrying to a successful conclusion the River Fete of May Thirtieth which will be memorable for all time.

Miss Pendleton asked the endorsement of the Board for the proposed Embankment from Walnut St to Bartram's Garden on the West Bank of the Schuylkill

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Mr. Justice moved that the brilliant suggestion be endorsed.

Mr. Howell earnestly seconded the motion and hoped that the city authorities would see that the monies are appropriate the monies to secure a successful consummation of the proposed improvement.

Mr. Harrison heartily approved of the movement to rescue that part of the river bank for a beautiful and useful purpose and moved 2nd Mr. Bailey to refer the subject to the Board of Trustees for consideration.
Carried

The Entertainment Committee then withdrew

In view of the recommendation of the Entertainment Committee submitted this day, the following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees cordially approves of the improvement of the city property immediately on the West bank of the Schuylkill River below Walnut Street by the construction of an embankment with suitable drives and walks and other landscaped ^{effects} and commends the subject to the Mayor and Councils for their consideration.