

MINUTES OF MEETING. BOARD OF TRUSTEES. January 9, 1914.

- The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees, Fairmount Park Art Association, was held at the office of the Secretary, 320 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, at 3.45 o'clock today.

PRESENT: Messrs. Morris, Justice, Steinmetz, Seeler, Borie, Kelsey, Crawford, Miller.

In the absence of the President, Vice-President Morris occupied the chair.

The Minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which had been sent to all members of the Board, were approved.

Communications were received

COMMUNICATIONS.

From Mr. Cohen and Mr. Taylor explaining absence.

From Flavel Shurtleff, Secretary of the National Conference on City Planning regarding the Conference of 1914 to be held in Canada.

Mr. Shurtleff's suggestion that the Association become a sustaining member of the Conference - dues \$10. - was accepted.

From the Commissioners of Fairmount Park in reply to the Secretary's inquiry regarding the Schwarzmenn Memorial. No action.

From the Suburban Planning Association asking the co-operation of the Association in arranging for a conference to be held in Philadelphia sometime in April. On motion it was RESOLVED, that the invitation be accepted; that a committee be appointed by the chair to represent the Association, and that an appropriation, not to exceed \$100 be made and placed at the disposal of this committee.*

From the American Federation of Arts asking the Association's support in connection with the conduct of their publication "Art & Progress". Laid on the table.

The Secretary reported the following resolution which he had prepared in accordance with the request of the Board at the December meeting:-

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Fairmount Park Art Association here records its sorrow at the death of James MacAlister, LL.D.

and its appreciation of the character and ability with which he served so faithfully and so long the highest interests of the community. A member of this Association since 1885 and of this Board since 1898, he was always earnest in his advocacy of the ideals for which the Association stands and faithful in the service which membership in this Board involved. The same qualities of mind that gave him his unquestioned leadership as an educator, and the same steadfastness of unselfish purpose that distinguished his discharge of all the duties and responsibilities of public spirited citizenship, characterized from the first, his service here, and in his death his associates in this Board have suffered the loss of a faithful and efficient fellow worker and the art interests of the city an earnest and capable advocate.

MacAlister
Resolution.

Resolution sent.
Jan. 17. 1914.

Letter sent.
JAN 14 1914

Letter sent
JAN 14 1914

Suburban Planning
Association.

Notified.
JAN 19 1914

Com. apptd
Kelsey Seeler. Borie

The resolution was adopted and the Secretary was instructed to send a copy to the family of Dr. MacAlister.

Robert Morris
Memorial.

Mr Taylor
notified.

JAN 14 1914

The Secretary reported that for reasons which developed soon after the last meeting he had, after conferring with Mr. Taylor, Chairman of the Committee on Robert Morris Memorial, withheld the resolution which he was instructed to send to the State Commission on the Memorial. It was felt by the Chairman and himself, acting as members of the joint committee, that the common purpose by which the three agencies co-operating in this movement were actuated, would be most effectually served if the preference of this board, in the matter of a site, were not given the prominence in current discussion by the joint committee which the transmission of the resolution would imply. He apologized for his disregard of his instructions and asked the Board to reconsider its action in adopting the resolution in question.

The reconsideration was ordered; the resolution was resinded and the Secretary's action in withholding the resolution was approved.

Orianna St.
Tablet.

The Secretary also reported that he had awarded the contract for the tablet to be erected at Orianna Street, to Doyle & Co., the inscription to be carried out in accordance with the decision of the board agreed upon at the last meeting. The contractor hoped to have the tablet in place in about a month, so that it ought to be erected very soon.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following Trustees for the term expiring in 1916, to be voted for at the Annual Meeting:-

Nominating
Committee.

James M. Beck
Charles J. Cohen
Eli K. Price

Leslie W. Miller
Edgar V. Seeler
Joseph A. Steinmetz

Annual
Meeting.

Mr. Steinmetz for the Committee on Annual Meeting reported a plan for a midday meeting on the roof garden of the Bellevue-Stratford, to be followed by a lunch.

Mr. Steinmetz also announced the following appointments on this committee:-Messrs. Kelsey, Borie, Crawford and Seeler. It was RESOLVED, that the date of the meeting be fixed for Thursday, January 22.

Liberty
Bell.

Letters sent

JAN 14 1914

The Chairman called attention to the request that had been made by the authorities of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition to be held in San Francisco in 1915, for the loan of the Liberty Bell, and invited an expression of opinion on the part of the members of this Board regarding this proposal.

On motion duly seconded it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Fairmount Park Art Association express to Councils its hope that the request for the loan of the Liberty Bell will be declined on account of the great risk to the Bell that such a long journey would entail, and to state the feeling of this Board that the Bell should be held by the City of Philadelphia as a sacred trust, bequeathed to it by our forefathers, the safety of which should not be jeopardized in any way.

Forty-second
Annual
Report.

The Secretary read a draft of the Forty-second Annual Report. Following the reading the report was discussed in some detail and on motion accepted as the report of the Board, with the understanding that the Secretary should amplify certain features of it, especially the advocacy of the Art Museum and recognition of the improvement in the types of Railroad bridges which was evident throughout the city as a result of supervision by the Art Jury.

The following bill was submitted by the Secretary:-

BILLS.

L.W. Miller, bills paid as follows:-
M.R. Howarth, Clerical service.....\$50.00
Ware Bros. Printing..... 3.00
Marvel, hauling..... .50
\$53.50

The bill was approved and it was ordered that a warrant be drawn for its payment.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Leslie W. Miller

Secretary.

*The Chairman subsequently appointed.

Messrs. Helsey - Chairman, Bonie & Seeler.

MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

February 13, 1914.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees, Fairmount Park Art Association, was convened on Friday, February 13; there being no quorum the meeting was adjourned to meet at the same time and place on Friday, February 20, and the Secretary was instructed to send a letter to this effect to each member of the Board.

Leslie W. Miller

Secretary.

Notices sent.

FEB 14 1914

MINUTES OF MEETING. BOARD OF TRUSTEES. February 20, 1914.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees, Fairmount Park Art Association, was held at the office of the Secretary, 320 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, at 3.45 P.M. today.

PRESENT:-Messrs. Stotesbury, Cohen, Justice, Morris, Fox, Hetherington, Taylor, Seeler, Price, Kelsey, Steinmetz, Crawford, Miller.

President Stotesbury occupied the chair.

The Minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which had been sent to all members of the Board, were approved.

Communications were received

COMMUNICATIONS.

From D. Stuart Robinson, Esq., regarding the Chicago tax question, (Samuel Estate) and informing us that he will keep us posted regarding the matter from time to time.

From J. Bunford Samuel, Esq., offering a few suggestions to be attended to by the Committee on the Samuel Memorial.

From Mr. Samuel extending an invitation to the members of this Board to visit him at his summer home in Sea Girt and expressing his opinion regarding further matters concerning the memorial.

From Prof. McMaster to Mr. Samuel and referred by him to the Board, containing a suggestion for subjects for the memorial.

From the following, accepting their election as Trustees of the Association:-

Edgar V. Seeler
James M. Beck

Charles J. Cohen
Eli Kirk Price

From R. Mackay Fripp asking for copies of the reports of this Association for 1912 and 1913, in order that he may obtain useful information to enable him to awaken a similar interest in Vancouver.

From the Misses MacAlister acknowledging the receipt of the MacAlister resolution sent them last month.

From Theodore Justice, Esq., submitting a letter recently sent to the Rittenhouse heirs regarding the "Rittenhouse Circle" in Germantown and asking the Association's co-operation in this matter.

From Joseph Allison Steinmetz submitting his expense account relative to the Annual Meeting and suggesting that letters of thanks be sent to Mr. Morris Earle, of Williams, Brown & Earle, and the Department of Wharves, Docks & Ferries, for their assistance at the Annual Meeting.

The meeting proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Hetherington, seconded by Mr. Taylor, the Secretary was instructed to cast a single ballot for the

Letters sent -
FEB 21 1914

following officers whose nominations had been reported by the Nominating Committee appointed at the December meeting:-

President

Edward T. Stotesbury

Vice-Presidents
(vacancy)

John T. Morris
Charles J. Cohen

Treasurer

William W. Justice

Secretary

Leslie W. Miller

Counsellors

James M. Beck
D. Stuart Robinson

Election of Officers
1914.

Notified

FEB 24 1914

This was done and the gentlemen were declared elected.

Mr. Cohen announced the death of Mr. Dana and on his motion it was ORDERED, that the following minute be entered in the records of this meeting.

The Trustees of the Fairmount Park Art Association have learned with deep regret of the death, on the first day of this month, of their fellow member of this Board,

CHARLES E. DANA

and desire to record in this place their sense of grateful appreciation of the faithful and efficient service which he rendered for so many years to the Association, and of their profound sorrow at his death.

As a member of the Association since 1892, and Vice-President since 1900, he was devoted to the public spirited aims for whose promotion it exists and was untiring in the work which service in this Board implies, for which, moreover, he was qualified in quite an exceptional way by his distinguished talents as an artist; the thoroughness of his culture, and his practical experience as a constructive engineer. In his death the Association has lost a conscientious and capable officer and the members of this Board, a genial and courteous associate.

Death of
Charles E. Dana
February 1,
1914

Sent to Mr. Dana's family
(Mrs. Dana)

MAR 16 1914

On motion of Mr. Cohen it was ORDERED that the foregoing minute be engrossed in the usual quarto form, bound in leather, and sent to Mr. Dana's family and also inserted in the newspapers.

Sent to papers-

FEB 25 1914

to be inserted Feb-28-1914-

On motion of Mr. Justice it was moved that as a mark of respect to Mr. Dana, the office of Vice-President should be main vacant for a period of six months.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Morris, it was

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Finance, Legacies & Trusts desires to confirm its appreciation of the excellent system adopted for the accounts as submitted by the fiscal agents of the Association, The Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities, and directs the Secretary to convey the sense of this expression to the company aforesaid.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Charles J. Cohen called attention to the presentation to the City of Springfield, Mass., of a collection of Art Objects by Mr. and Mrs. George Walter Vincent Smith, and on his motion the following minute was adopted:-

The Board of Trustees of the Fairmount Park Art Association of Philadelphia, desires to express its appreciation of the action lately taken by Mr. and Mrs. Goerge Walter Vincent Smith in making a deed of gift to the City of Springfield, Mass., of the Works of Art collected by them through a long series of years. This presentation by the donors during their lifetime seems especially commendable and furnishes an example of civic generosity that it is hoped will appeal to public-spirited citizens everywhere, as one that deserves to be more generally followed.

The Secretary reported progress in connection with the Ellen Phillips Samuel Memorial and the President announced that he would take the matter of the appointment of the Committee on this memorial under consideration, and announce the appointments later.

Mr. Fox suggested that the hour of the meetings of this Board be fixed at 3.15 P.M. After a full discussion of the subject it was decided to make no change in the hour of meeting at present.

On motion of Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Fox, it was ORDERED, that a committee of three be appointed to nominate a Trustee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Dana.

The chair subsequently appointed on this committee, Messrs. Fox, Hetherington and Justice.

The following bills were submitted by the Secretary:-

L.W. Miller, bills paid as follows:-

M.R. Howarth, clerk.....	\$40.00
Stamps, Annual Meeting.....	15.00
Messenger.....	.25
Ware Bros. Stamped envelopes.....	27.00
Hoskins, supplies.....	8.09
National Conference on City Planning...	10.00
	<u>\$100.34</u>

Penna. Museum & School of Industrial Art
Share of telephone.....\$ 60.00

The Bellevue-Stratford Hotel
Expense for Annual Meeting.....\$147.00

Resolution sent
FEB 21 1914

Sent.
FEB 25 1914

Smith Minute.

Samuel Memorial.

Nominating Committee.

Notified.
FEB 21 1914

Joseph Allison Steinmetz, bills paid as follows:-

Automobile service.....	\$ 1.90
Andrew W. Crawford, transportation	
of Art Jury exhibit.....	2.15
Sundries.....	16.80
	<u>\$20.85</u>

BILLS.

The bills were approved and it was ordered that warrants be drawn for their payment.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Leslie W. Miller

Secretary.

MINUTES OF MEETING. BOARD OF TRUSTEES. March 13, 1914.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees, Fairmount Park Art Association, was held at the office of the Secretary, 320 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, at 3.45 P.M. today.

PRESENT: Messrs. Stotesbury, Fox, Hetherington, Borie, *Price*, Crawford, Pepper, Taylor, Kelsey, Miller.

President Stotesbury occupied the chair.

The Minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which had been sent to all members of the Board, were approved.

Communications were received

COMMUNICATIONS.

From Mr. Cohen and Mr. Steinmetz, explaining absence.

From Jesse Williamson, 2d., Pennsylvania Company, conveying to the Board of Trustees their thanks and appreciation for the resolution adopted at the last meeting of this Board.

From Mr. Stotesbury accepting the office of President for the year 1914-15.

From John T. Morris and Charles J. Cohen accepting their re-election as Vice-President for the year 1914-15.

From James M. Beck and D. Stuart Robinson accepting their re-election as Counsellors for the Association for the year 1914-15.

From Joseph Allison Steinmetz accepting his re-election as a Trustee of the Association.

From Prof. Lewis M. Haupt regarding the Schwarzmenn Memorial. (2 letters)

From the Chamber of Commerce of Pittsburgh regarding a convention to be held in Harrisburg on April 6, 7, and 8th respectively, for the purpose of organizing a permanent Housing Conference or Association in the State of Pennsylvania. Laid on the table.

From John W. Ford submitting the circular announcing the Robert Morris Memorial Preliminary Competition.

From Charles L. Borie, Jr., submitting some photographs which he had taken of the Orianna Street lot and tablet.

From the American Federation of Arts regarding the next Conference to be held in Chicago, May 21, 22, and 23, 1914. Mr. Crawford was named as a representative of the Association.

From Theodore Justice presenting a portrait of David Rittenhouse and a photograph of his birth place; also a brief account of the personality of Rittenhouse with a few suggestions regarding the statue which he hoped might be erected as a feature of the proposed improvements to be made at the Rittenhouse Street entrance to Fairmount Park.

Letter sent Miss Meekling.
MAR 18 1914

From the Nominating Committee appointed by the chair at the last meeting of this Board, to consider a candidate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Charles E. Dana, reporting the following nomination:-

Mr. George W. Elkins

The report was accepted and the committee discharged with thanks. The meeting having proceeded to an election, the nominations were closed and Mr. Elkins was unanimously elected.

The Secretary reported that Lieut. Albert M. Cohen, U.S.N. had presented to the Association a number of photographs. A Vote of thanks to Lieut. Cohen was passed.

The Secretary also reported that the Dana Minute was being engrossed in the form that was decided upon at the last meeting of this Board.

RESOLVED that the Committee on the McClellan Memorial be requested to report a plan for the disposition of this fund at the next meeting.

Similar action was taken regarding the Lafayette and Fountain funds.

The Committee on Monumental Memorial (bequest of Richard Smith) was discharged.

A list of names of members who had been delinquent in paying their dues for four years or more, was read by the Secretary and the names were ordered to be stricken from the list of members.

Mr. Borie moved that the Committee on Works of Art be requested to take into consideration the purchase of the "Duck Girl" by Manship, a bronze statue in the current exhibition at the Academy of the Fine Arts, and to report regarding the advisability of purchasing it at the next meeting. It was so ordered.

The following bills were submitted by the Secretary:-

L.W. Miller, bills paid as follows:-
M.R. Howarth, Clerk.....\$40.00
Ware Bros. Printing, Annual Meeting.. 5.25
Williams, Brown & Earle, photograph... 1.00
Sundries, developing photographs..... .45
\$46.70

L.W. Miller, bills paid as follows:-
Insertion of Dana Minute in papers.
The Evening Bulletin.....\$ 7.00
" Philadelphia Inquirer..... 7.00
" Evening Telegraph..... 9.00
" Philadelphia Record..... 8.10
" Public Ledger..... 4.65
" Press..... 6.00
" North American..... 6.40
\$48.15

John M. Doyle
Engraved bronze tablet, Orianna St..\$200.00

- Notified -

MAR 14 1914

Nominating
Committee.

Letten sent -

MAR 14 1914

Secretary's
Report.

*sent - MAR 16 1914 to
Mrs. Dana.*

Letten sent Mr. Wanner.

MAR 18 1914

"Duck Girl"

by

Manship.

Committee called

MAR 14 1914

for meeting -

MAR 18 1914

BILLS.

The bills were approved and it was ordered that warrants be drawn for their payment.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Leslie W. Miller

Secretary.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees, Fairmount Park Art Association, was held at the office of the Secretary, 320 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, at 3.45 P.M. today.

PRESENT:—Messrs. Cohen, Justice, Fox, Warren, Crawford, Price, Miller.

In the absence of the President, Vice-President Cohen was called to the chair.

D. Stuart Robinson, Esq., was also present by invitation.

The Minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which had been sent to all members of the Board, were approved.

Communications were received from

COMMUNICATIONS.

Mr. Morris
Mr. Elkins
Mr. Steinmetz, explaining absence.

From Mrs. Charles E. Dana expressing her thanks for the tribute to Mr. Dana embodied in the bound copy of the Minute which was sent her March 16, 1914.

From George Walter Vincent Smith conveying his appreciation, and that of Mrs. Smith, of the Board's thoughtfulness in connection with their gift to the Art Museum of the City of Springfield.

From Lieut. Albert M. Cohen acknowledging the receipt of our letter conveying to him the thanks of the Board for his gift of photographs.

From J. Bunford Samuel, Esq., asking for additional copies of the Annual Report, and expressing his interest in the appointment of the Committee on the Samuel Memorial. With a copy of the Secretary's reply.

J. Bunford Samuel
Matter.

From J. Bunford Samuel, Esq., tendering his resignation as a member of the Association unless a Committee be appointed on or before April 22, 1914, to attend to matters relating to the Ellen Phillips Samuel Memorial.

From D. Stuart Robinson, Esq., referring to the attitude of Mr. Samuel in connection with the matters referred to in the two communications received from him.

Samuel Matter
referred to
Counsel.

*Mr. Robinson
Notified.
April-22-1914-*

The matter to which the foregoing communications refer was discussed at length by the members present and the correspondence itself, supplemented by other letters from Mr. Samuel addressed to Mr. Cohen and Mr. Robinson, with their replies thereto, was on motion referred to Mr. Robinson as Counsel for the Association, with the request that he express to Mr. Samuel the great regret of the Board that there should have been any misunderstanding with reference to the appointment of the Committee on the Ellen Phillips Samuel Memorial.

Suburban Planning
Conference
Abandoned.

Committee notified -

APR 21 1914

Mr. Crawford reported that the proposal to hold a State Conference on Suburban Planning in Philadelphia had been abandoned, owing to the holding of a similar conference in Harrisburg, and on motion, duly seconded, the committee appointed at the January meeting, to co-operate in this movement, was discharged.

The Secretary submitted the following statement of the origin and present status of the McClellan, Lafayette and Fountain Funds:-

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, FAIRMOUNT PARK ART ASSOCIATION,

Gentlemen:-

Complying with the request of this Board which was made at the last meeting, I beg to submit the following data which have been collected from the Minutes of the Meetings of this Board, and from the Annual Reports of the Association:-

McCLELLAN MEMORIAL FUND.

Established November 17, 1885, by the following resolutions:

"RESOLVED that this Association establish a Fund to be called the "McClellan Memorial Fund", the object of which is to erect by this Association in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, a suitable memorial to General George Brinton McClellan."

"RESOLVED that this Association pledge the sum of \$5000. towards the McClellan Memorial Fund, provided the sum of at least \$10,000. additional be raised for that purpose."

"RESOLVED that this Association appeal to the people of the United States, and especially to his comrades, for contributions towards a memorial to General McClellan worthy of his great name, and distinguished services in the cause of his country."

In the Annual Report for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1886, the Treasurer's accounts showed that the receipts for this fund amounted to \$778.25 and the Board reported that "the McClellan Fund is too small to warrant your Board in taking any steps concerning it other than such as look to its increase. It is hoped that the several McClellan Funds promoted by different committees will be combined in your hands." References to the fund in subsequent reports indicate no action except certain appeals, the expense of which is noted and the gradual increase, mostly by accrued interest, until the fund amounted to its present proportions \$1,459.98.

LAFAYETTE MEMORIAL FUND.

The fund appears for the first time in the Treasurer's Report for the year ending October 31, 1890. The cash received is given as \$100. Subsequent reports show the accretions of interest until the fund amounts to \$171.93 at present, but I find no reference to it at all in the minutes of the meetings of the Board.

McClellan Memorial
Fund.

Lafayette Memorial
Fund.

FOUNTAIN FUND.

Fountain Fund.

The history of the Fountain Fund is similar to that of the Lafayette Fund. I find no reference to it anywhere in the Minutes, but the Treasurer's Report for the year ending October 31, 1895, shows that the nucleus of this fund \$292.15 was received from the proceeds of a fair at Bryn Mawr. Subsequent reports show very slight additions other than those represented by the accrued interest, and I cannot find that any formal action regarding it was ever taken either by the Association itself or by this Board. The fund now amounts to \$465.97.

Mr. Warren as Chairman of the McClellan Memorial Committee, reported by recommending that the fund be merged in the Permanent Fund, Park Branch, and on motion of Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Fox, it was RESOLVED that the report of the Secretary as to the present condition of the three funds -

McClellan Memorial Fund
Lafayette " "
Fountain Fund

be received and spread upon the Minutes. Further resolved that the amounts named in the three funds be transferred to the Permanent Fund, Park Branch, with the proviso however, that this Board is authorized, in its discretion, to withdraw at any time in the future, these amounts and to expend them for the purposes originally indicated, and is further authorized to add to the principal of each fund, a sum approximately equal to the annual interest that would have accrued to each, had they been separately invested.

Mr. Miller as Chairman of the Committee on Works of Art, reported that in accordance with the action of the Board at its last meeting, he had called a meeting of his committee at the Academy of the Fine Arts, the minutes of which meeting he presented as part of his report. The recommendation of the committee was that Manship's "Duck Girl" be purchased by the Association at a price that should not exceed \$5,000 and it having been ascertained from the President of the Academy that Mr. Manship would sell the work for \$3,500, the proposition was submitted to each member of the Board and received their unanimous approval,* in accordance with which an order for the statue was given by 'phone, to Mr. Lewis, President of the Academy on March 27th, the conditions to which the order was subject, being restated in a letter to Mr. Lewis under date of March 30th, which was read.

Some delay had occurred in the execution of the order on account of Mr. Manship's unwillingness to deliver the original bronze exhibited at the Academy, and the insistence on the part of the Secretary of this Board, that the conditions stated in his letter must be rigidly observed.

Correspondence on the subject is still in progress between President Lewis and Mr. Manship.

* with the exception of Mr. Morris who declined to vote on the ground that he had been prevented by illness from inspecting the statue.

Treasurer notified.

APR 21 1914

Disposition of
McClellan, Lafayette
and Fountain
Funds.

Secretary's
Report.

Manship's
"Duck Girl"

The following bills were submitted by the Secretary:-

L.W. Miller, bills paid as follows:-

BILLS.

M.R. Howarth, Clerk.....	\$ 40.00
Wm. H. Hoskins Co., Supplies.....	2.40
Beck Engraving Co., half-tones, report....	25.19
Bond Company, Membership cards.....	12.65
J. E. Soule, Dana and MacAlister Minutes..	27.40
	<u>\$107.64</u>

The John C. Winston Co.

Printing the 42nd Annual Report.....\$185.00

Ware Bros. Company

Printing 500 2¢ stamped envelopes.....\$ 12.50

The bills were approved and it was ordered that warrants be drawn for their payment.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Lester C. Miller

Secretary.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING. BOARD OF TRUSTEES. May 22, 1914.

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Fairmount Park Art Association, was held at the office of the Secretary, 320 So. Broad Street, Philadelphia, at 3.45 P.M. today.

PRESENT: Messrs. Cohen, Warren, Fox, Taylor, Borie, Price, Kelsey, Steinmetz and Miller.

In the absence of the President, Vice-President Cohen occupied the chair.

Communications were received from

COMMUNICATIONS.

Mr. Morris

Mr. Seeler and

Mr. Hetherington explaining absence, those from Messrs. Seeler and Hetherington, expressing cordial approval of the proposition which furnished the reason for the call of the meeting.

On motion of Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Taylor, it was RESOLVED, that Prof. Paul P. Cret be invited by the Fairmount Park Art Association, at an expense not to exceed three thousand dollars, (\$3,000) to plan the development of the water front and adjacent territory in Fairmount Park between the boat houses and Spring Garden Street bridge.

Proposed plan of
Water Front
Fairmount Park

Mr. Cret notified. May 23-1914

The meeting was then adjourned.

Leslie A. Miller
Secretary.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING. BOARD OF TRUSTEES. June 8, 1914.

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Fairmount Park Art Association was held at the office of the Secretary, 320 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, at 3.30 P.M. today.

PRESENT:- Messrs. Cohen, Fox, Price, Crawford, Hetherington, Steinmetz, Seeler and Miller.

Mr. Robinson was also present.

In the absence of the President, Vice-President Cohen occupied the chair.

The call of the meeting was read by the Secretary who submitted the following resolution which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote and the Secretary was instructed to send an engrossed copy to the family of Mr. Justice:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Fairmount Park Art Association desires to record in this place its profound sorrow at the death of

WILLIAM W. JUSTICE

and its sincere appreciation of the nature and extent of the devoted service which he rendered to this Association, of whose ideals he was, from the first, a consistent and cordial supporter, and a fair share of the duties and responsibilities of whose administration he faithfully and efficiently discharged for many years.

As a member of the Association since its organization in 1871; of this Board since 1890; and as its Treasurer since 1909, Mr. Justice displayed, in upholding its aims and promoting its efficiency, the same qualities that characterized his discharge of all the duties of citizenship and made his name a synonym for all that is noblest and best in the life of the city that he loved so well.

The Chairman reported, that in order to facilitate the work of the meeting he had appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. Fox, Hetherington and Taylor, to submit for the consideration of the Board, names of persons eligible for the positions to be filled by election today. The report of the committee was presented and read as follows:-

June 5th, 1914.

To the Board of Trustees,
Fairmount Park Art Association.

Your Committee to nominate a Trustee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. W. W. Justice, and to suggest a nomination for Treasurer, begs leave to report that:

It held a meeting for the purpose of the appointment on Friday, June 5th, at which all the members of the Committee were present.

After consideration of various names, it was unanimously agreed to nominate

Mr. George W. Norris

Resolution sent
JUN 17 1914

W. W. Justice
Resolution

Nominating
Committee.

as a Trustee to fill the vacancy. The Committee also nominated for Treasurer

Report of the
Nominating
Committee

Mr. John Worrell Pepper

The Committee submits these nominations and asks to be discharged from any further duty in the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

ROLAND L. TAYLOR
A. G. HETHERINGTON
HENRY K. FOX
Chairman

Trustee
(Mr. Norris)

notified

JUN 9 - 1914

Treasurer
(Mr. Pepper)

notified

JUN 9 - 1914

On motion of Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Crawford, the nominations for a member of this Board for the unexpired term of Mr. Justice, were closed, and the Secretary was instructed to cast one ballott for Mr. Norris. This was done and Mr. Norris was declared elected.

On motion of Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Steinmetz, nominations for Treasurer were closed and the Secretary was instructed to cast one ballott for Mr. Pepper. This was done and Mr. Pepper was declared elected.

Communications were received from

Mr. Taylor and
Mr. Kelsey, explaining absence.

From Mr. Borie explaining absence and stating that in his judgment the matter of filling the vacancies might very well be postponed until Autumn.

The Secretary reported that in accordance with the action of the Board at the meeting of May 22nd he had had an interview with Prof. Cret and extended to him the Board's invitation to undertake the study of the proposed improvements. Prof. Cret had expressed his appreciation of the honor which the invitation implied and accepted it on the terms expressed in the following letter:-

Secretary's Report
regarding
the

Philadelphia, Pa.
June 1. 1914.

Fairmount Waterworks. My dear Mr. Miller:-

In confirmation of our conversation of last Friday, I beg to accept the offer of the Board of Trustees of the Fairmount Park Art Association to prepare for the Association a study of improvements for that portion of Fairmount Park from Spring Garden Street bridge to the boathouses. My honorarium for this work shall be two thousand dollars (\$2000.00) I will give to this most interesting scheme my best efforts.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) PAUL P. CRET

Mr. Cret, notified
JUN 9 - 1914

On motion of Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Hetherington, it was ORDERED, that Prof. Cret's letter be entered on the minutes and the Secretary's action in awarding him the commission, on the terms stated in the letter, was ratified.

The Secretary was instructed to notify Prof. Cret of this action.

A letter from D. Stuart Robinson, Esq., dated May 20th regarding the Samuel matter, and enclosing a letter from Mr. Samuel to him, dated May 18th, was read and on motion of Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Crawford, it was RESOLVED, that a Committee of three be appointed by the chair, to consist of the Chairman of the meeting, one other member of the Board, and Prof. Cret, to confer with Mr. Samuel and to report to the Board upon Mr. Samuel's personal proposition referred to in his letter of May 18, 1914, addressed to Mr. Robinson.

SAMUEL MATTER.

Committee

The chair subsequently appointed, Mr. Miller as the third member of this committee, so that the committee is constituted as follows:-

Mr. Cohen, Chairman
Prof. Cret
Mr. Miller

The meeting was then adjourned.

Leslie W. Miller

Secretary.

Notified
JUN 9 - 1914
Mr. Samuel also notified

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING. BOARD OF TRUSTEES. June 16, 1914.

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Fairmount Park Art Association, was held at the office of the Secretary, 320 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, at 3.30 P.M. today.

PRESENT: Messrs. Morris, Cohen, Fox, Hetherington, Miller.

Vice-President Morris occupied the chair.

The call of the meeting was read by the Secretary.

Communications were received from

Communications.

Mr. Kelsey
Mr. Elkins and
Mr. Steinmetz, explaining absence.

A communication from the Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities, dated June 11, 1914, calling attention to the need of appointing an attorney of the Association with power to enter satisfaction of mortgages, a case requiring such action having already arisen, together with the forms used in this connection on a former occasion*, were presented and read, and on motion of Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Hetherington, it was

RESOLVED, that the chairman of this meeting, Mr. John T. Morris be constituted Attorney in fact for the Fairmount Park Art Association, for the purpose of entering satisfaction upon the record of an eight thousand dollar (\$8,000) mortgage held by it upon the premises 4035 Walnut Street, Philadelphia,

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities is requested to deliver to Mr. John T. Morris, for the purpose of satisfaction, the bond and mortgage upon the premises 4035 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Leslie W. Miller

Secretary.

* Returned to Mr. Cohen.

*Mr. Morris notified
and
Resolutions sent*

JUN 17 1914

MINUTES OF MEETING. BOARD OF TRUSTEES. November 13, 1914.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees, Fairmount Park Art Association, was held at the office of the Secretary, 320 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, at 3.45 o'clock today.

PRESENT: -Messrs. Morris, Crawford, Steinmetz, Seeler, Norris, Borie, Price and Miller.

In the absence of the President, Vice-President Morris was called to the chair.

The Minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which had been sent to all members of the Board, were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS were received from

COMMUNICATIONS.

Mr. Stotesbury
Mr. Kelsey
Mr. Fox and
Mr. Cohen, explaining absence.

From Mrs. William W. Justice acknowledging with grateful appreciation the kind expression of the Association's sympathy at the death of Mr. Justice.

National
Conference on
City Planning.

*Warrant sent
NOV 19 1914*

From the National Conference on City Planning asking this Association to become an organization member at \$25 a year. On motion of Mr. Steinmetz, seconded by Mr. Norris, the invitation was accepted.

From George W. Norris accepting his election as a Trustee of the Fairmount Park Art Association.

From John A. Myers, Secretary of the Academy of the Fine Arts advising us of Mr. Manship's completion of the "Duck Girl" in bronze, which is set up at the Academy, and inviting inspection of the work.

*Letter sent to
Mr. Morris
NOV 14 1914*

Samuel Matter.
*Committee notified
NOV 19 1914*

From J. Bunford Samuel, Esq., asking to have a committee visit him in order that he may advise this Association regarding certain matters in relation to the Ellen Phillips Samuel Memorial.

After a full discussion of the letters from Mr. Samuel it was on motion of Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Price, RESOLVED, that a committee of five be appointed by the chair to visit Mr. Samuel and examine his accounts in accordance with his invitation.*

*Mr. Samuel notified of
appointment of Committee.
NOV 21 1914*

Mr. Seeler reported in favor of purchasing the "Duck Girl" provided that an intimate setting could be found for it.

Mr. Morris reported as follows his objections to the "Duck Girl":

"Objections of the statue of the Duck woman.
Suggest careful consideration of the statue.
Statue is fragmentary in character.
The face looks nowhere and is like a study of a cast.
The movement of legs indicates a walk while the garment shows much motion.

Manship's
"Duck Girl"

Not caused by wind because hair is quiet.
Movements of the legs are very stiff and unnatural.
A duck striving so hard would require muscular force to hold it and also attention on the part of the holder.
Neither condition exists.

I feel the statue has not been properly studied from life or the artist is unfamiliar with the subject he has tried to depict.

Is it advisable to select a fountain at this time for an avenue not yet opened."

Mr. Borie reported that in spite of his agreement with many of the criticisms made by Mr. Morris, he yet regarded the "Duck Girl" as one of the most beautiful works of modern sculpture.

Mr. Crawford agreed with Mr. Seeler's recommendation.

Mr. Price	"	"	"	"	"
Mr. Steinmetz	"	"	"	"	"
Mr. Miller	"	"	"	"	"

Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Steinmetz, moved that the Association purchase Manship's "Duck Girl" in bronze, now exhibited at the Academy of the Fine Arts, for \$3,500 on condition that no replica of the work be made without the previous written consent of this Board.

Mr. Crawford moved that the matter of the location of the "Duck Girl" be referred to a committee of three, to be appointed by the chair, to report. (*)

The Secretary presented the Treasurer's Report as prepared by the Pennsylvania Company, Fiscal Agent.

On motion of Mr. Norris the Treasurer's Report for the year ending October 31, as stated by the Fiscal Agent, was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Mr. Borie reported progress in the study of the Schwarzmenn Memorial Tablet which was reported as having been undertaken by him at the meeting of December 12, 1913.

On motion of Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Borie, Mr. Steinmetz was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Annual Meeting, with power to appoint the other members of his committee and an appropriation not exceeding the amount appropriated for the last Annual Meeting was placed at the disposal of this committee.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Leslie A. Miller

Secretary.

* The Chairman subsequently appointed on this Committee - Messrs. Steinmetz, (Chairman) Crawford, Borie, Taylor and Cohen. (see letter from Mr. Morris of Nov. 18, 1914)

(*) The Chairman subsequently appointed on this Committee - Messrs. Price, Seeler, and Halsey. (see letter from Mr. Morris of Nov. 18, 1914)

Manship's
"Duck Girl"

Letter sent to Mr. Lewis

NOV 14 1914

Purchase.

Letter sent - Mr. Morris

NOV 14 1914

Location.

Committee notified

NOV 21 1914

Treasurer's
Report.

Letter sent, Mr. Cohen

NOV 14 1914

Schwarzmenn
Memorial.

Chairman
Committee on
Annual Meeting.

Notified

NOV 14 1914

MINUTES OF MEETING. BOARD OF TRUSTEES. December 11, 1914.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees, Fairmount Park Art Association, was held at the office of the Secretary, 320 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, at 3.45 o'clock today.

PRESENT: Messrs. Morris, Cohen, Borie, Steinmetz, Price, Crawford and Miller.

In the absence of the President, Vice-President Morris occupied the chair.

The Minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which had been sent to all members of the Board, were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS were received from

COMMUNICATIONS.

Mr. Kelsey
Mr. Fox and
Mr. Taylor explaining absence.

From Joseph A. Steinmetz accepting his appointment as Chairman of the Committee to confer with Mr. Samuel.

From Roland L. Taylor accepting his appointment as a member of the Committee to confer with Mr. Samuel.

From Edgar V. Seeler, accepting his appointment as a member of the Committee on the location of the "Duck Girl".

From the National Conference on City Planning acknowledging with sincere appreciation our offer to become an Organization Member of the Conference.

From Charles L. Borie, Jr. submitting a preliminary study of the Schwarzmenn Memorial Tablet with an estimate of the cost of execution which he had obtained from John M. Doyle. No action.

Schwarzmenn
Tablet.

From Lewis M. Haupt giving his approval of the design as prepared by Mr. Borie, with the exception of a few suggestions which he makes for the Association's consideration.

From J. Bunford Samuel, November 20th, regarding the committee which was to confer with him, with a copy of the Secretary's reply.

From John F. Lewis, Esq., under date of November 17th in reply to a letter from the Secretary under date of November 14th conveying the offer of the Board for the purchase of the "Duck Girl", which was also read.

"Duck Girl"

From Mr. Lewis under date of November 20th with a copy of the Secretary's reply.

From Mr. Lewis on the same subject under date of November 23rd with a copy of the Secretary's reply.

Mr. Steinmetz as Chairman of the Committee to confer with Mr. Samuel submitted the following report:-

December 8, 1914.

The Fairmount Park Art Association,
Mr. Leslie W. Miller, Secretary,
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir:-

In line with the instructions of the Board at their last meeting, I have the honor to report that the Committee then appointed, has visited Mr. Samuel.

This Committee met at Mr. Samuel's house, Monday afternoon, December 7th and the following gentlemen were present:

Mr. Cohen
Mr. Miller
Mr. Borie
Mr. Crawford and
Mr. Steinmetz.

SAMUEL MATTER

Mr. Samuel reviewed the situation as to the history of the fund, matters of inheritance and intimate family financial relations, not to be considered as part of this report. The general feeling at the meeting was most cordial and happy and Mr. Samuel explained at great length his ideas, hopes and desires.

Upon leaving, the Chairman requested Mr. Samuel to please write a letter setting forth in detail the facts he desired presented and otherwise covering the subject matter of the interview.

This Mr. Samuel has done and his letter dated December 8th, 1914 is herewith submitted. Copies of this letter have been sent by the Chairman to members of this Committee, that they may remember and report to the Board at its next meeting, any further facts or opinions that might not herein be covered as relating to our visit to Mr. Samuel.

Very respectfully,
(Signed) JOS. A. STEINMETZ

COPY OF ENCLOSED LETTER FROM
MR. SAMUEL.

December 8th, 1914.

Mr. J. Allison Steinmetz,
Chairman Committee on Samuel Statuary,
Fairmount Park Art Association.

Dear Mr. Steinmetz:-

In order that the early erection of the Statue I propose giving to your Association as a starter for the whole scheme of Statuary outlined in my late wife's bequest.

I suggest the fund to be used for this first Statue shall be the total net income of the estate of Mrs. Samuel for the year 1915- less \$5,000.

This income for the year 1913 amounting to \$32,776.45 but deductions must be made on account of the payments of bequests etc., amounting to \$109,333.47 which will reduce the income to about \$27,000 less \$5,000 I retain leaves \$22,000 to be spent on the Pedestal and First Statue.

Also that the First Statue shall be the Norseman Thorfinn Karlfsone - one of whose men named Haki - inscribed some words on a rock opposite to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

The inscription on this rock was deciphered by Henry M. Phillips, Jr., - Mrs. Samuel's Brother. See American Philosophical Society Report - Vol. XXI. No. 115 - 1884 - Thorfinn also visited Vinland, now Massachusetts on this trip and left a small colony there.

The Pedestals for the first twenty Statues being made of granite and all alike. I have modeled one, the plan of which I hope will be acceptable.

The Birds at either end belong to the Crane family and are known as Bitterns. In early times flocks of these occupied the marshes along the Schuylkill.

SAMUEL MATTER.

The terrace on which the Pedestals are to be built against average only four feet in height from the top of the stone bulkhead. This precludes anything but a solid formation. (Sic) Of course, the Birds mentioned and my idea of the Pedestal must conform to the architect or Sculptor's plan of the Statue, and be elaborated by him.

The view from the roadway must not be obstructed by anything, but the statue placed on the terrace.

The permission of the Park Commissioners must be obtained for the whole twenty Pedestals - before any work is started. I would prefer that the Sculptor chosen be a local one because environment has much to do with work of this character.

If this outline for the work considered fails to please you, I ask to be released from any other personal obligation in the matter.

In conclusion - no one is more interested in presenting a handsome work to your Association than I am, and with your co-operation - I trust to give the Public as elegant a piece of Statuary as modern genius can execute. I am

Yours very truly,
(Signed) J. BUNFORD SAMUEL

On motion duly seconded, it was
RESOLVED, that a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair to confer with Messrs. Grafly and Seeler with a view to securing a preliminary design for the general scheme of the Ellen Phillips Samuel Memorial.

The Chairman appointed on this committee:

Mr. Crawford, Chairman
Mr. Borie and
Mr. Steinmetz

RESOLVED, that the Secretary express to Mr. J. Bunford Samuel the appreciation of the Board of Trustees for his generous waiver of all commissions on the estate of his wife and ~~for~~ his liberal suggestion ~~as to~~ the disposition of the prospective income of the estate for the year 1915.

Mr. Miller for the Committee on the Robert Morris Memorial reported that Judge Edwards, Chairman, and John W. Ford, Secretary, of the State Commission on the Robert Morris Memorial, together with Mr. McFadden of the Committee of the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association, met in the office of the Secretary of the Fairmount Park Art Association without previous notice of the meeting having been given to the

Robert Morris
Memorial

*A letter also sent to
Mr. Samuel
DEC 15 1914*

*Notified
DEC 14 1914*

*Letter sent.
DEC 14 1914*

See Mrs. Cohen's Letter of Jan. 5, 1915.

members of the Fairmount Park Art Association on the Jury of Award, on Wednesday, December 9th, and resolved to invite the four competitors named below to enter a second competition, in which they were to submit, on or before April 1st, 1915, models to a scale of 2 in. to the foot, each competitor to be paid \$500 viz:

Charles H. Niehaus
Richard E. Brooks
Henry H. Kitson
John Thomas

Robert Morris
Memorial.

Mr. Miller on behalf of the Fairmount Park Art Association, and Mr. McFadden for the Bankers' Association, protested against the action and declined to sign the report.

On motion duly seconded, it was
RESOLVED, (1) that the action of the Secretary, on behalf of the Association's representatives, as detailed in his report, be ratified and approved.

Letters sent

DEC 14 1914

(2) that a copy of the Secretary's report and information of the action of the Board thereon, be furnished to all the members of the Jury of Award.

Letter sent to
Mrs. Cret

DEC 16 1914

On motion of Mr. Borie, seconded by Mr. Steinmetz, the Secretary was requested to write to Prof. Cret, now serving with the French army, a letter expressing the heartfelt interest of the members of this board, in his welfare and the hope of his safe and early return to America.*

Auditor's
Report.

Mr. Cohen, for the Auditing Committee, submitted the Treasurer's report which had been duly audited. The report was accepted.

On motion, duly seconded, it was
ORDERED, that a committee of three to make nominations for the six Trustees to be elected at the next Annual Meeting be appointed by the Chair.

Nominating Committee.

The Chairman appointed Mr. Fox, Chairman
Mr. Steinmetz and
Mr. Crawford

notified

DEC 14 1914

The following bill was submitted by the Secretary:-

BILLS.

L.W. Miller, bills paid as follows:
M.R. Howarth, Clerk.....\$40.00
Bond & Company, printing.... 18.00
\$58.00

The bill was approved and it was ordered that a warrant be drawn for its payment.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Leslie W. Miller

Secretary.

The Secretary sent the following letter:

* December fifteenth,

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Prof. Paul P. Cret,

My dear Prof. Cret:-

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Fairmount Park Art Association I was by resolution instructed to convey to you by means of a letter, the sentiments of the members of this Board toward you; their appreciation of the service you have rendered, and the influence for good which you have exerted since you came to Philadelphia, and admiration for the spirit in which you met the call of duty when it came in a form so imperative and to a service so different from anything to which you were accustomed in this peaceful community. I can't do it. I can't tell you how much we think of you and how everybody's heart goes out to you; how eager everybody who knows you is to hear from you or about you, and what a warm welcome you'll get when you come back to us, as we all hope you will, in reasonably good season, all the better for your strenuous experience, and all the happier for the consciousness of duty well discharged, which you will bring back with you.

I wonder whether anybody sent you the graceful tribute which one of our Philadelphia poets paid you in her lines on your Valley Forge Memorial Arch, which appeared in the Jewish Exponent for September 25. To make sure you have it I enclose a copy, and with all the good wishes that can possibly go from one man to another, which I assure you are shared in a very personal way by every member of this Board, I am

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) LESLIE W. MILLER

Enclosure.

Letter to
Prof. Paul P. Cret.

Sent

DEC 16 1914