

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE
FAIRMOUNT PARK ART ASSOCIATION

Thursday, January 27, 1944

A stated meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in Room 1100 Morris Building, 1421 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, on Thursday, January 27, 1944 at 4:15 P.M.

Mr. Sydney E. Martin presided. Present: Messrs. Hoffman, Ingersoll, Jenks, Marceau, Price, Sims, Stokes and the Executive Secretary.

The Minutes of the previous meeting on December 23, 1943 were approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Mr. Martin surrendered the chair to Mr. Jenks to conduct the annual election of officers of the Association. Mr. Martin was nominated and unanimously elected to continue as President for 1944. Mr. Ingersoll and Mr. Marceau were nominated and unanimously elected to continue as Vice-Presidents as was Mr. Bullitt in the capacity of Treasurer. Mr. Marceau was nominated and elected to serve as Secretary and Mrs. Letsch was elected to continue in the office of Executive Secretary.

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS: By act of membership at the Annual Meeting, Article II, Item 5, of the By-Laws was amended to read as follows:

"Stated meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held once in each of the months of January, February, April, June, September and November of each year, at such place as the Board shall appoint."

The fourth Thursday was selected for meetings in the remaining months for 1944, as follows:

February 24th
April 27th
June 22nd
September 28th
November 23rd.

INDEPENDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION: The question arose as to contribution for the year 1944. It was moved and seconded that the President be authorized to commit the Fairmount Park Art Association to a sum not to exceed \$500 as a contribution to the Independence Hall Association. A discussion also took place as to the presentation of the Independence Hall project in our annual report. The President was authorized to work up such a program and report on the matter at the February meeting of the Board.

BILLS Approved for Payment:

Samuel Fund:

Paul P. Cret - Expenses re trip to Columbus	\$ 57.22
Erwin Frey - Balance due under 3rd installment of contract	1,333.34

General Fund:

W. L. Letsch - Postage for invitations to Annual Meeting	60.00
W. A. Hagerty - Notary Fee	.50
American Planning & Civic Assn. Dues 1944	25.00
Philadelphia Museum of Art - Dues 1944	100.00
Laura Berger - Mimeographing Minutes, etc.	19.00
Frederick Jones & Co. - Cash Book	23.75
S. A. Wilson Co. Printing Invitations and envelopes for Annual Meeting	83.00

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

W. L. Letsch

Executive Secretary

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Thursday, February 24, 1944

A stated meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in Room 1100, 1421 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, on Thursday, February 24, 1944 at 4:15 P.M.

Mr. Sydney E. Martin presided. Present: Messrs. Fraser, Hare, Ingersoll, Jenks, MacCoy, Marceau, Price, Steel, Stokes, Tyson and the Executive Secretary.

The Minutes of the previous meeting on January 27th were approved.

AERO MEMORIAL: Mr. Steel reported that he and Messrs. Marceau and Bullitt had talked with Mr. Manship and were of the opinion that Mr. Manship wished to go on with the Memorial and would reduce his ideas as to size and cost. Mr. Manship is leaving the east for about five weeks and upon his return the committee will try to crystalize their ideas and also select a site for the Memorial. They hope to have a definite program by the June meeting

SAMUEL MEMORIAL: Mr. Ingersoll stated that the planting at the Memorial is in very bad condition and submitted an estimate from Henkels & McCoy of \$336 per month to care for the planting and renew that which has died during the winter. On motion it was

Resolved, to authorize Henkels & McCoy to care for the planting at the Samuel Memorial for a period of six months at a cost of \$336 per month.

Mr. Ingersoll also stated that Erwin F. Frey was desirous of taking up the insurance policy held by the Association on his life. On Motion, it was

Resolved to transfer and assign to Erwin F. Frey, life insurance policy held by the Fairmount Park Art Association.

INDEPENDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE: The President announced that he had appointed Mr. Sims, Chairman of the Independence Hall Association Committee and Mr. Marceau and Mr. Roy Larson members of the new Committee. In the absence of Mr. Sims, the President stated that the Committee had met and discussed the matter of material to be put in the Annual Report and material to be included in a brochure to be printed in addition to the Annual Report. He further stated that all details as to cost, etc. would be presented for consideration at the April meeting of the Board.

BILLS:

During the past few years there has been no charge for telephone service in the Executive Secretary's office. The President stated, however, that he thought the Association should refund the Estate of Roland L. Taylor for telephone service in the future and \$5.00 per month was agreed upon as a fair charge.

The following bills were approved for payment:

General Fund:

The Bellevue-Stratford - Annual Luncheon	\$897.20
S. A. Wilson Company - Stationery	73.75
W. L. Letsch - To refund Estate of Roland L. Taylor for telephone service during Jan.	5.00

Samuel Fund:

Henkels & McCoy - Lacing Boxwood	25.10
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On motion, the meeting adjourned.

W. L. Letsch

Executive Secretary.

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Thursday, April 27, 1944

A stated meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in Room 1100, 1421 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, on Thursday, April 27, 1944 at 4:15 P.M.

Mr. Sydney E. Martin presided. Present: Messrs. Carson, Fraser, Hare, Jenks, Marceau, McCoy, Price, Sims and Steel.

The Minutes of the previous meeting on February 24th were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Bullitt was unable to attend the meeting but sent a report of the bank balances in the various funds which Mr. Martin read. Mr. Bullitt also requested that \$5000 be appropriated from the cash balance in the Samuel Memorial Fund to reduce the loan with the Girard Trust Company to \$15,000. It was moved and seconded that this payment be made.

INDEPENDENCE HALL COMMITTEE: Mr. Sims reported that the Committee had had several meetings and obtained the following figures on a brochure to be printed in connection with the Independence Hall Association development:

2000 catalogues, with text of approximately six thousand words, size 9" x 12" two cuts in four color process and eight in black and white half-tones	\$1060.00
Allowance for preparing illustrations	300.00
Additional 1000 copies	203.00
	<u>\$1563.00</u>

Upon motion of Mr. Jenks, seconded by Mr. Steel, it was agreed to accept the report of the Committee and give them power to act in having this brochure printed at a cost not to exceed \$2000.00.

SAMUEL COMMITTEE: In the absence of Mr. Ingersoll, Mr. Marceau reported that all work in connection with the Samuel Memorial had been finished; the Frey statues are in place and there is no further work to be done until after the war, when the third unit will be completed.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Carson advised the meeting of certain propositions regarding the development of Vine Street where it intersects the Parkway. Mr. Jenks moved that the matter be referred to the President who should take such action as he saw fit in this connection. The motion was carried.

Mr. Martin called attention to the fact that 81 new members have joined the Association as a result of 267 letters, over the signature of the President, addressed to non-members who attended the annual meeting.

BILLS:

The following payments made since the April meeting, were approved:

General Fund:

Williams, Brown & Earle - Rental of screen and operator re annual meeting	\$15.00
Emlen & Co. - Appraisal 628 W. Hortter Street	15.00
Shorthand Service Bureau - Recording annual meeting	46.30
Mathieson, Aitken & Company - Audit	375.00
W. L. Letsch - To refund Estate of Roland L. Taylor for telephone service during February.	5.00

Samuel Fund:

Girard Trust Co. - Interest on Loan 11/30/43 - 2/29/44	166.67
Platt, Yungman & Co. - Insurance on Frey sculpture	76.70
W. L. Letsch - Notary fee re Frey insurance	1.25
Fireproof Warehouse & Storage Co. - Packing Frey statues	176.30
Edwards Transfer & Storage - Hauling Frey statues	92.50
John F. Harbeson - Refunding freight charges Frey sculpture	51.43
Pennsylvania Railroad - Freight charges Frey sculpture	54.00
Erwin F. Frey - Final payment a/c contract	2000.00
Paul P. Cret - Architectural services	130.00
H. High's Sons - Setting statues	180.00

Bills approved for payment:

General Fund:

American Federation of Arts - Dues 1944	10.00
University Museum - Dues 1944	100.00
S. A. Wilson Co. - Printing membership bills	6.00
W. L. Letsch - To refund Estate of Roland L. Taylor for telephone service during March - \$5.00	
April - \$5.00	10.00

On, motion, the meeting adjourned.

Executive Secretary.

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Thursday, June 22, 1944

A stated meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in Room 1100, 1421 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, on Thursday, June 22, 1944 at 4:15 P.M.

Mr. Sydney E. Martin presided. Present: Messrs. Bullitt, Fraser, Hoffman, Kelsey, McCoy, Marceau, Ingersoll, Price and Steel.

The Minutes of the previous meeting on April 27th were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Bullitt reported cash balances in the various funds amounting to something over \$18,000 and said he hoped that by July first another \$5000 could be paid off on the Samuel loan with the Girard Trust Company.

SAMUEL COMMITTEE: Mr. Ingersoll reported that he had asked Mr. Hoffman to see that the contract with Henkels & McCoy, for taking care of the planting, was carried through. Mr. Hoffman said that he had been out to look at the condition of the three units and found them in need of attention; that he had been in touch with Henkels & McCoy and would see that the Memorial was properly maintained before any further bills were paid.

The President suggested that a letter be addressed to the Park Commission asking that the iron pipes, used in connection with water pageants, be removed as they detract from the beauty of the Memorial.

AERO MEMORIAL: Mr. Steel read the following letter he had written to Mr. Manship under date of June second:

"Confirming the conversation I had with you on Tuesday, May 23rd, so far as I can ascertain on behalf of the Fairmount Park Art Association, there are no claims to use the site in front of the Franklin Institute for the Aero Memorial and it is, therefore, reasonable for us to continue to discuss this location.

"As matters now stand, under our contract with you, you were paid the down money and then on submission of your preliminary model you were paid \$6,000. You did not proceed with the creation based on the preliminary model. Upon final determination of any substitute plan, doubtless the payments made you could be applied as payments on account but the Trustees cannot now obligate themselves for the payment of any additional money until we reach an agreement on future procedure. I am sure you understand this.

"It is, therefore, our desire before we reach a conclusion on this matter that you give consideration to the possibility of some allegorical memorial rather than a figure, such as we have heretofore discussed, and that you confine your activities to ideas or rough sketches and do not proceed with the creation of any models until we have gone into the matter with you further as we do not have the funds to incur any obligation to you for your services or expenses previous to reaching the determination of our course, as referred to above.

"I will try to drop in to see you in New York in the next few weeks to discuss this further on behalf of the Committee and if you, in the meantime, can obtain any idea of the cost of the sphere and an appropriate foundation, such as we talked of, I will appreciate it if you will let me know what you learn."

The choice of the site for the Aero Memorial and also the contract with Mr. Manship, was discussed generally. Mr. Ingersoll moved the whole Aero matter be referred back to the Committee with power to act. The motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS: The President read a letter from Mr. Emerson C. Custis suggesting that property on South Orianna Street, owned by the Fairmount Park Art Association, be turned over to the City to be included in the plans for the so-called Curtis Hall. It was agreed that nothing be done with this property until the entire situation with respect to Independence Hall and its environs becomes concrete.

5219 Greene Street: The following resolution in connection with the sale of this property was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the consideration of \$4000., \$1000 in cash at the time of the execution of the agreement, \$1000 at settlement and \$2000 in purchase money mortgage, all as set forth in the agreement of date December 17, 1943, be approved; and

RESOLVED, that Sydney E. Martin, President, and Henri Marceau, Secretary of this Corporation, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to make, execute and deliver on behalf of this Corporation a deed to Walter J. Morris conveying the one-quarter interest of this Corporation in and to the following parcel of real estate situate and known as 5219 Greene Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on receipt of the aforementioned share of the consideration:

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or tract of land SITUATE on the north-easterly side of Greene Street in the 22nd Ward in the City of Philadelphia together with the improvements thereon erected and having a frontage on said Greene Street of 45 feet 10 ³/₄ inches and a depth between parallel lines of 225 feet, more or less.

628 W. Hortter Street: The following resolution in connection with the sale of this property was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the consideration of \$22,500. in cash, as set forth in agreement of sale dated April 21, 1944, be approved, and

RESOLVED, that Sydney E. Martin, President and Orville H. Bullitt, Treasurer of the Fairmount Park Art Association, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to make, execute and deliver on behalf of this Corporation, a deed to Franklin P. Knipe and his wife Verna A., conveying the interest of this Corporation in and to the following parcel of real estate situate and known as 628 W. Hortter Street, Philadelphia, Pa., upon receipt of the aforementioned payment.

American Federation of Arts: A letter was presented by Mr. Martin asking whether this Association would be willing to renew its Chapter Membership at \$15 per year instead of \$10. The Board unanimously approved the \$5 increase in dues of the American Federation of Arts.

BILLS: The following bills paid since the April meeting, were approved:

Samuel Fund:

Henkels & McCoy - Maintenance for April	\$336.00
Ruben Goldberg - Photographs	9.00

The following bills were approved for payment:

Samuel Fund:

Girard Trust Co. - Interest on loan 2/29 to 5/31/44 \$144.58

General Fund:

W. L. Letsch - To refund estate of Roland L.	
Taylor for telephone service - May	\$5.00
June	<u>5.00</u>
	10.00

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

W. L. Letsch

Executive Secretary.

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Thursday, September 28, 1944

A stated meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in Room 1100, 1421 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, on Thursday, September 28, 1944, at 4:15 P.M.

Mr. Sydney E. Martin presided. Present: Messrs. Bullitt, Fraser, Hare, Hoffman, Ingersoll, Jenks, Marceau, Price, Steel, Stokes, Wetherill and the Executive Secretary.

The Minutes of the previous meeting on June 22nd were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer reported total cash including market value of securities in the Aero Fund to be \$27,400. He also stated that the Samuel Fund would soon be able to pay off another \$5000 on account of the \$10,000 loan with the Girard Trust Company. It was moved and seconded, that this payment be made as soon as possible.

AERO MEMORIAL: Mr. Steel summarized this situation and presented a letter from Mr. Paul Manship, which had just been received, offering a bronze celestial sphere, now in his studio, to the Fairmount Park Art Association for use as an Aero Memorial, for \$16,000, the balance called for under the terms of his contract. Mr. Steel stated that some time ago when the Committee visited Mr. Manship's studio, they were very much impressed with this celestial sphere, which they understood was originally intended for Geneva but could not be shipped on account of the war. It is eight feet high and six feet across.

A general discussion took place and the question arose as to whether a celestial sphere represented aviation. The President stated that many artists had attempted to express aviation through the medium of the human figure and that it was doubtful whether any of them had been wholly successful. Since a celestial sphere symbolizes the element in which aviation takes place, he did not believe that it was too much of a stretch of the imagination to use the symbol as a monument to aviation. The meeting was in general agreement and felt that a properly inscribed base would help to clarify the intent.

Upon motion of Mr. Jenks, seconded by Mr. Stokes, this whole matter was referred back to the Committee with authority to purchase the sphere if the terms of sale were in every way acceptable.

The Treasurer requested a resolution authorizing the sale of such securities as necessary in the Aero Memorial Fund to pay for the spehre if and when it was purchased. Upon motion, duly seconded, it was

RESOLVED, that Sydney E. Martin, President and Orville H. Bullitt, Treasurer, be and are hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all papers necessary to sell, assign and transfer:

10	Shares	Thompson Products 5% Pfd.
10	"	Consolidated Natural Gas Co.
200	"	Saony Vacuum Oil
100	"	Standard Oil of N. J.
5	"	American Telephone & Telegraph
30	"	Insurance Company of North America
52	"	Lone Star Gas Company.

Mr. Marceau suggested that the Park Commission be asked to reserve the site in front of the Franklin Institute for the Aero Memorial.

SAMUEL MEMORIAL: Mr. Hoffman reported that the planting at the Memorial had suffered from the extreme dry weather during the summer; that Henkels & McCoy had done a good deal of work there and that in his opinion the grounds are now in acceptable condition. Mr. Hoffman intends to meet Mr. Henkels on the ground, before long, to go over the autumn planting so that the site will be in better condition next year. Mr. Hoffman recommended that the bill of Henkels & McCoy for maintenance from May until the end of August, be approved for payment.

HOWELL FUND: The following resolution was adopted in connection with the sale of 5218 Germantown Avenue:

RESOLVED, that the action of the Germantown Trust Company, Agent, in entering into agreement of sale covering premises 5218 Germantown Avenue for the sum of \$5500. be and hereby is in all respects approved, ratified, confirmed and accepted as the act of the Association and of this Board of Trustees, and

RESOLVED, that upon receipt of the approval of the Orphans' Court of Philadelphia County, Sydney E. Martin, President, and Henri Marceau, Secretary of the Association, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to join in a deed to Charles E. Stephenson and Lillian P. Stephenson, his wife, on behalf of the Association, conveying the one-fourth interest of the Association in and to the following parcel of real estate, situate and known as 5218 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., on receipt of the proper share of the aforementioned consideration.

BILLS: The payment of the following bills was approved:

Samuel Fund:

Girard Trust Co. Reducing loan to \$10,000	\$5,000.00
Girard Trust Co. Interest on loan 6/1 to 9/1/44	105.83
Henkels & McCoy Maintenance 4 months	1,344.00
@ \$336 per month	

Howell Fund:

Ballard, Spahr, Andrews & Ingersoll - Filing Bond	2.50
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General Fund:

John D. Lucas Co. - Printing 1000 copies Annual Report	489.95
Pennsylvania Co. Insurance on Orianna St. Property	3.75
S. A. Wilson Co. Printing Membership bills	6.75
W. L. Letsch Refunding Estate of Roland L. Taylor for telephone service Aug. and Sept.	10.00

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

W. L. Letsch

Executive Secretary.

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Thursday, November 30, 1944

A stated meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in Room 1100 Morris Building, Philadelphia, on Thursday, November 30, 1944 at 4:15 P.M.

Mr. Sydney E. Martin presided. Present: Messrs. Hare, Hoffman Jenks, Kelsey, MacCoy, Marceau, Sims, and the Executive Secretary.

The Minutes of the previous meeting on September 28th were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: In the absence of the Treasurer, Mr. Martin reported the bank balances in the various funds, making a total of \$21,711.09. He also reported that the Samuel Fund had paid off another \$5,000 on account of the loan with the Girard Trust Company, leaving a balance due of \$5,000.

AERO MEMORIAL: In the absence of Mr. Steel, the President reported that the bronze celestial sphere had been purchased from Mr. Paul Manship; that the agreement had been signed on the terms as discussed and that the previous contract with Mr. Manship had been cancelled. Under the terms of the contract, Mr. Manship waives the right to make replicas of this celestial sphere at any size greater than sixteen inches in diameter.

The President also stated that he had conferred with Mr. Dwier of the Fairmount Park Commission as to the site in front of the Franklin Institute. Mr. Dwier suggested that when a final and complete conclusion had been reached, the Association formally ask permission to erect the Memorial on this site.

SAMUEL MEMORIAL: Mr. Hoffman reported that the Committee, together with Henkels & McCoy, were considering several types of evergreens for planting at the Memorial as the rhododendron and laurel do not seem to thrive in this location. Mr. Martin suggested that the Botany Department of the University of Pennsylvania might be able to help select the best plants to use.

INDEPENDENCE HALL ASSN.: Mr. Sims reported that the Committee was very well pleased with the brochure and that it would probably be in the mail by December 15th. The President explained that a Christmas Card would be sent with the brochure to our members, to the members of the Independence Hall Association and to the members of City Council. The Board approved this action.

The President stated that our membership now numbers 460; that as a result of a slight change in the billhead, seventeen members who had previously belonged to one branch, had joined both branches of the Association.

ANNUAL MEETING: After some discussion as to speakers and subjects for the annual meeting, it was decided to ask Mr. Erwin Frey to be the guest of honor and to make a feature of his film "Stone and the Sculptor", which shows Mr. Frey working on the two figures which are now a part of the Samuel Memorial. The annual meeting will be held on January 18, 1945, as the Ballroom at the Bellevue-Stratford is not available on January 24th.

BILLS: The payment of the following bills was approved:

General Fund:

S. A. Wilson Company - Stationery	\$ 15.25
American Fiber-velope Mfg. Co. - 2000 envelopes	
for mailing Independence Hall brochure	44.50
Darwin H. Orffer - work re Independence Hall brochure	323.50
W. L. Letsch - Postage for mailing annual reports	25.00
W. L. Letsch - Refunding Estate of Roland L. Taylor	
for telephone service - Oct. \$5.00	
Nov. \$5.00	10.00

Samuel Fund:

Henkels & McCoy - Services for September 1944	336.00
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Upon motion, the meeting adjourned.

W. L. Letsch
Executive Secretary.