

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
FAIRMOUNT PARK ART ASSOCIATION

Thursday, January 23, 1947

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Fairmount Park Art Association was held on Thursday, January 23, 1947 at 4:15 P.M. in Room 1100 Morris Building, Philadelphia.

Mr. Sydney E. Martin presided. Present: Messrs. Bullitt, Carson, Fraser, Hardwick, Hoffman, Ingersoll, Marceau, Sims, Steel and the Executive Secretary.

Communications were received from Messrs. Hare, Kelsey, MacCoy, Stokes and Price, expressing their regrets at not being able to attend the meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held November 21, 1946, were approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Mr. Martin surrendered the chair to Mr. Hoffman to conduct the annual election of officers. The present officers, listed below, were nominated and unanimously re-elected to serve another year:

Sydney E. Martin, President
R. Sturgis Ingersoll, Vice President
Henri Marceau, Vice President
Orville H. Bullitt, Treasurer
W. H. Noble, Jr., Executive Secretary

Mr. Martin resumed the chair.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Board approved the Treasurer's use of an annual partial audit by the accounting firm of Mathieson, Aitken & Company, which does not necessitate the counting of the securities nor the auditing of unpaid dues. The following balances were listed:

Aero Memorial	\$ 862.94
Wood Memorial	43.06
General Fund, City	4,393.08
General Fund, Park	7,829.99
plus \$10M Cert. of Indebt. due 2/1/48	
\$ 5M " " "L" Dec. 1947	
Howell Fund	8,910.85
plus \$10M U.S. Treasury 2 1/4% 1959-56	
Samuel Fund	28,812.79
plus \$10M Cert. of Indebt. Dec. 1947	

The following report of the transactions of securities was submitted by the Treasurer:

Samuel Fund:

Sold - 500 Shares Pennsylvania Railroad
Bought - 300 " Great Northern Railway

Permanent Fund Park:

Sold - 100 Shares Pennsylvania Railroad
Bought - 500 " Pennsylvania Power & Light

Permanent Fund City:

Matured - \$1500 4% City of Philadelphia Bonds

Permanent Fund Park:

Matured - \$11,000 4% City of Philadelphia Bonds

Samuel Fund:

Redemption of \$2400 Hotel Philadelphia 1st 5% called
at 100

SAMUEL MEMORIAL: The subject of the bare appearance of the reverse sides of the slabs decorated by Williams and Kreis at the Samuel Memorial was raised by the Chairman of the Committee of the Samuel Foundation. After considerable discussion, the Committee was instructed to refer the question back to the architects so that they might offer new designs in the solution of this problem, involving either planting or sculpture or a combination of both. These designs would then be presented to the Board.

The question of the care of the Samuel Memorial and the Ericsson Fountain was brought up and on Mr. Carson's suggestion it was decided that the Samuel Committee confer with Mr. Russell Vogdes of the Fairmount Park Commission in an effort to develop some plan for handling this matter.

RELOCATION OF SCULPTURE: Mr. Carson presented a letter he had received from a group of alumni of Girard College requesting the removal of the statue of Stephen Girard from Raeburn Square and suggesting two possible sites. After investigating and discussing the matter it was decided that Mr. Marceau and Mr. Ingersoll should collaborate on a letter to Mr. Carson condemning the suggested locations and recommending a more favorable site.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Carson related that he had been approached by a large committee requesting a site in Fairmount Park for a statue of the great colored educator, Richard Allen. It was the consensus of the Board that a site in Fairmount Park along the Concourse which passes in front of Memorial Hall would be appropriate for this type of statue and should be submitted to the committee by Mr. Carson.

BILLS: The following bills were approved for payment:

General Fund:

American Planning & Civic Association - Dues 1947	\$25.00
Philadelphia Museum of Art " "	100.00
A. Pomerantz & Company - Minute Book	9.15
Ruben Goldberg - Photographic work for annual meeting	135.00
S. A. Wilson Company - Invitations, etc. " "	108.00
S. A. Wilson Company - Stamped envelopes "	24.50

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Executive Secretary

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Thursday, February 27, 1947

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Fairmount Park Art Association was held on Thursday, February 27, 1947 at 4:15 P.M. in Room 1100 Morris Building, Philadelphia.

Mr. Sydney E. Martin presided. Present: Messrs. Hardwick, Hare, Ingersoll, Sims, Steel and the Executive Secretary.

Communications were received from Messrs. Bullitt, Fraser, Hoffman, Kelsey, MacCoy, Marceau and Price, expressing their regrets at not being able to attend the meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held January 23, 1947, were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The bank balances in the various funds were read by the Executive Secretary.

SAMUEL MEMORIAL: Mr. Ingersoll reported that Mr. Harbeson is studying the blank sides of the Kreis and Williams slabs at the Samuel Memorial, has been in touch with the sculptors in regard to some treatment of these surfaces and will communicate with the Board when some solution is forthcoming.

After conferring with Mr. Vogdes of the Fairmount Park Commission, Mr. Ingersoll discussed the situation with the Board and it was

RESOLVED that from the funds of the Samuel Memorial Fund there be contributed the sum of \$750. to the Commissioners of Fairmount Park toward the upkeep of the area in the Park occupied by the Samuel Memorial.

AERO MEMORIAL: There was no report from the Committee but in the discussion of the Aero Memorial it was anticipated that during the Spring arrangements be made to have a silhouette made of the Paul Manship Armillary Sphere. Several locations could then be viewed with the silhouette in place in an effort to find a satisfactory location in which to erect the Aero Memorial.

NEW BUSINESS: Relative to the Independence Hall Project, the President told of a recent trip to Harrisburg where, in company with the Mayor of Philadelphia, Judge Edwin O. Lewis and other City officials, he waited upon the Governor. The former Governor Martin's pledge that four million dollars be devoted by the State to this project, was re-affirmed by Governor Duff with his wishes that the work be gotten under way in the very near future.

A letter to Mr. Martin from Judge Lewis was read, requesting assistance from the FPAA in carrying on this work by the Independence Hall Association. After some discussion, it was

RESOLVED, that on a trial basis, certain assistance to the Independence Hall Association be given by the Fairmount Park Art Association, in the form of the Secretarial services of the Executive Secretary and Mrs. Letsch and the sum of \$1000.

It was further

RESOLVED, that at the President's discretion an additional amount, not to exceed \$1500. might be further advanced to the Independence Hall Association under the same conditions as the first sum.

The President quoted Judge Lewis in stating that it was possible that any sums advanced now would be refunded when funds from the U.S. Government were available.

CITY PLANNING EXHIBITION: In response to the suggestion that the FPAA might sponsor some type of exhibit for the City Planning Exhibition, the President reported that due to the lack of time and the character of the ideas presented, our further participation in this Exhibition be not recommended.

However, it was the consensus of opinion of the Board that its President pursue the possibilities of this Association's cooperation with the City Planning Commission in sponsoring at some future date the development of some area, and the President was authorized so to do.

VINE STREET DEVELOPMENT: The Citizen's Council on City Planning has requested the FPAA to cooperate with them by taking some action of disapproval at City Council and the Mayor's disregard of the Planning Commission's recommendations as to the future of Vine Street. After some discussion, the Board decided that as it had previously endorsed the City Planning Commission's proposals for the development of Vine Street, their position was a matter of record and that no further statement be made at this time.

BILLS: The payment of the following bills was approved:

General Fund

Bellevue Stratford, Annual luncheon	\$1311.20
Williams, Brown & Earle, Screen and Operator	20.00
Mathieson, Aitken & Co., Treasurer's Report	400.00
W. L. Letsch, To Refund Estate of Roland L. Taylor for telephone service, December, January & February	15.00

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Executive Secretary

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Thursday, April 24, 1947

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Fairmount Park Art Association was held on Thursday, April 24, 1947 at 4:15 P.M. in Room 1100 Morris Building, Philadelphia.

Mr. R. Sturgis Ingersoll presided. Present: Messrs. Fraser, Hardwick, Hare, Kelsey and the Executive Secretary.

Communications were received from Messrs. Bullitt, Hoffman, Marceau, Martin, Sims, Steel, Stokes and Tyson expressing regrets at not being able to attend.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held February 27, 1947, were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The bank balances in the various funds were read by the presiding officer, Mr. Ingersoll.

SAMUEL MEMORIAL: Mr. Ingersoll reported that Mr. Harbeson will have, in time for the next meeting, sketches of designs for the blank sides of the Kreis and Williams slabs in the South Terrace of the Samuel Memorial. The members of the Board may then view them and indicate their wishes.

The Chairman of the Samuel Memorial also reported that according to the plan decided upon at the former meeting of the Board, a sum of \$750 had been paid to the Commissioners of Fairmount Park as a contribution toward the care of the Samuel Memorial. It was hoped that the grounds of the Memorial would receive their share of the attention of the Fairmount Park gardeners and caretakers.

The trip of members of the Samuel Committee and Board members to the Whitney Museum was reported on. Messrs. Ingersoll, Marceau, Sims and Fraser were guests of Mrs. Force, the Director, and viewed the current exhibition of contemporary American sculpture. Due to the general limited output of the sculptors at this time, the prohibitive cost of materials and the limitations of casting at the present time, it was the consensus of opinion of the members present that it might be wise to postpone the Association's third sculpture exhibition from 1948 to 1949. No action was taken.

BILLS: The payment of the following bills was approved:

General Fund:

S. A. Wilson Company - Letterheads	\$34.50
University Museum - Dues 1947	100.00
Grant M. Simon, Architect - Services and expenses re Philadelphia National Shrines Park	522.14
American Federation of Arts - Dues 1947	15.00
Fidelity Storage & Warehouse - Drayage from University Museum to Memorial Hall	21.25
Ruben Goldberg - Work in connection with Annual Report	33.00
S. A. Wilson Company - Envelopes	21.00
W. L. Letsch - To refund Estate of R. L. Taylor for telephone service during March and April	10.00

Samuel Fund:

Commissioners of Fairmount Park for main- tenance of Samuel Memorial	750.00
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On motion, the meeting adjourned.

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Thursday, June 26, 1947

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Fairmount Park Art Association was held on Thursday, June 26, 1947 at 4:15 P.M. in Room 1100 Morris Building, Philadelphia.

Mr. Sydney E. Martin presided. Present: Messrs. Bullitt, Carson, Fraser, Jayne, Marceau, Sims, Steel, Stokes and the Executive Secretary.

Communications were received from Messrs. Hardwick, Hare, Hoffman, Kelsey and Price expressing regrets at not being able to attend.

The minutes of the previous meeting, held April 24, 1947, were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer reported that with the passing of a new law in Pennsylvania, permission is given to combine all trust funds into one account. Subsequently, it was

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to merge such funds of the Association as he may deem expedient into a common trust fund.

The Treasurer reported the following bank balances:

Aero Memorial Fund	\$ 936.11
George & Meta Connor Wood Memorial ..	43.06
General Fund - City.....	4,282.47
General Fund - Park.....	5,709.54
Howell Fund	10,476.64
Samuel Fund	39,190.96
	<u>\$ 60,638.78</u>

The following Funds also have securities as listed, which were bought from Income Account:

General Fund - City

\$3,300 U.S. Savings Bonds Series "G" 2 1/2% 1953
7 shs Thompson Products Cumulative Preferred

General Fund - Park

\$1,000 Pennsylvania RR Gen Mtg "A" 4-1/2% June 1965
14,800 U.S. Savings Bonds Series "F" July 1953
10,000 Ctf. of Indebtedness "B" 2/1/48
5,000 Ctf. of Indebtedness "L" Dec 1947

Samuel Fund

\$10,000 Ctr. of Indebtedness "L" Dec 1947

Howell Fund

\$10,000 U.S. Treasury 2-1/4% 1959-56

SAMUEL MEMORIAL: In Mr. Ingersoll's absence, Mr. Marceau reported that a number of bulbs had been donated by Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Bullitt for planting at the site of the Samuel Memorial. The Board expressed its appreciation to these gentlemen and approved the bill for the planting of the bulbs.

In connection with the addition of certain sculptured motifs on the east side of the Kreis and Williams reliefs at the Samuel Memorial, letters from the architects to the sculptors and suggested plans for this work, were presented. Mr. Marceau likewise read the replies of the sculptors to the proposals of the architects. Members of the Board inspected the plans and discussed them.

It was suggested that the North and South Terraces were exposed to considerable strong sun and that proper planting might make the terraces more inviting. The possibility of a parking space adjoining the Samuel Memorial was proposed. The President referred the matter back to the Committee and it was

RESOLVED, that the Samuel Committee consult with both sculptors and architects, proceed to select and develop one of the proposed plans and report their progress to the Board at its next meeting.

It was further

RESOLVED, that the architects at the same time restudy the landscaping of the whole area and the possibilities of a suitable parking area for the Samuel Memorial and that their recommendations be reported to the Board.

In the course of the discussion regarding the work of the two sculptors and the landscaping plans in direct connection with their work, the figure of \$10,000 was thought to be a reasonable overall figure for the expense incurred.

AERO MEMORIAL: It was the consensus of opinion of the Board that a full size photographic silhouette of the Manship Armillary Sphere be constructed so that members might view it in possible locations.

RELOCATION OF SCULPTURE: Mr. Marceau reported that the members of the Board would be called upon to view the silhouette of the Jeanne d'Arc in several new locations.

NEW BUSINESS: The President reported on the new memberships as a result of letters to those who had accepted invitations to the Annual Meeting. The figure to date is thirty-nine and the President was congratulated on the success.

A legacy of \$2000 was reported to the Board from the Estate of Otto Bacmeister, deceased, through the death of Mrs. Emilie Buckley, income beneficiary who died on May 30, 1947.

INDEPENDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION: The President brought the Board up to date on this project and the support given the work by the FPAA. The Board recommended that the President remain within the sum granted him at the February meeting for such assistance.

BILLS: The payment of the following bills was approved:

General Fund

John D. Lucas Printing Company - 1100 copies	
Annual Report	\$1253.88
C. Trifield - Multigraphing	5.25
W. H. Noble, Jr. - Cash to cover postage	50.00
W. L. Letsch - To refund Estate of R.L. Taylor	
for telephone charges during	
May and June	10.00

General Fund - City

Grant M. Simon, Architect - April services re	
Independence Hall Association	500.00
Fred J. Gorman, Services re " "	250.00
W. H. Hoedt Studios - photographs "	2.25
Grant M. Simon, Architect - May services	500.00

Samuel Fund

Montgomery Nurseries - Planting bulbs	82.50
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On motion, the meeting adjourned.

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Thursday, September 25, 1947

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Fairmount Park Art Association was held on Thursday, September 25, 1947 at 4:15 P.M. in Room 1100 Morris Building, Philadelphia.

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

Communications were received from Messrs. Carson, Hardwick, Kelsey, Stokes and Wetherill expressing regrets at not being able to attend.

The minutes of the previous meeting, held June 26, 1947, were approved.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

SAMUEL MEMORIAL: The Chairman, Mr. Ingersoll, reported on the meeting held by the Samuel Committee in his office on September 18th, at which time it was decided on certain plans to be pursued regarding the decoration of the blank sides of the stone slabs on the South Terrace of the Samuel Memorial. The report of the Chairman was approved by the Board.

It was further decided that representatives of the Committee should confer with the architects regarding inscriptions and quotations. With this tentatively agreed upon the architects should make a more finished study of the complete decoration and re-submit it to the Committee for approval. When approved, the Committee, on behalf of the FPAA, should enter into a contract with the sculptors for the presentation of models for the embellishment of the rondels and for the execution of their designs in the face of the stone slabs, in conformance with approved models.

RELOCATION OF SCULPTURE: Plans were submitted by Mr. Marceau of possible sites in the Park for reviewing the silhouette of the Jeanne d'Arc statue. Two of these sites were selected and the Board members will be notified of a date when the silhouette might be viewed in these positions.

AERO MEMORIAL: It was decided that at the same date when the members of the Board are asked to view the Jeanne d'Arc silhouette, there should also be a viewing of the silhouette of the Armillary Sphere of Paul Manship in two possible locations.

INDEPENDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION: The President reported on the progress of this project, saying that the Commission's Report, which had been prepared during the summer under Judge Lewis' direction, was about completed and the plans were to present it to the President in Washington some time in October.

The FPAA had rendered some financial assistance in the preparation of this report and the President requested the Board's approval of the sum of \$2524.50 which had been expended. Approval was granted.

NEW BUSINESS: The President brought up the subject of the speaker at the annual meeting and after some discussion it was

RESOLVED, that the President invite Mr. Gilmore D. Clarke to be the speaker for the Annual Meeting.

BILLS: The payment of the following bills was approved:

Aero Fund:

Ruben Goldberg - Photographs	8.00
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General Fund:

Fred J. Gorman - June services re Independence Hall Project	250.00
" " " July " "	250.00
" " " August " "	250.00
S. A. Wilson Company - Stationery	96.75
W. L. Letsch - To refund Estate of R.L. Taylor for telephone service July, August & Sept. @ \$5 per month	15.00

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Executive Secretary

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Thursday, November 20, 1947

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Fairmount Park Art Association was held on Thursday, November 20, 1947 at 4:15 P.M. in Room 1100 Morris Building, Philadelphia.

Mr. Sydney E. Martin presided. Present: Messrs. Bullitt, Fraser, Hoffman, Hardwick, Kelsey, Marceau, Tyson and the Executive Secretary.

Communications were received from Messrs. MacCoy and Wetherill expressing regrets at not being able to attend the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting, held September 25, 1947, were approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Fairmount Park Art Association, in meeting assembled, records with deep sorrow the death of its fellow member, J. Stogdell Stokes, who was elected to membership December 23, 1943.

Mr. Stokes came to this Board at a time when he held many important positions in the business and cultural life of the City. It was characteristic of him, however, to find time to respond to any call for the betterment of Philadelphia. Consequently, he was regular in his attendance of our meetings, taking an active and constructive interest in all our endeavors.

In the long roster of those who have served this organization, his name will always be honored as one who contributed much to his City and who represented the highest ideal of his generation.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Stokes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer requested that he be bonded and the Board granted permission.

The Treasurer's report was approved and is as follows: Balances in checking account -

Aero Fund	\$ 928.11
Wood Memorial	43.06
General Fund - City	3,768.75
General Fund - Park	6,303.47
Howell Fund	13,867.17
Samuel Fund	44,444.22
	<u>\$69,354.78</u>

Also, General Fund, City: \$3,300 US Savings Bonds Series G 2-1/2%
1953
7 Shs. Thompson Products Cum. Pfd.

General Fund Park: \$1,000 P.R.R. Gen. Mtg. "A" 4-1/2%
June 1965
14,800 US Savings Bonds Series F, July
1953
10,000 Ctf. of Indebtedness B, due 2/1/48
5,000 " " " L, " Dec.
1947.

Samuel Fund: 10,000 Ctf. of Indebtedness L, due Dec.
1947
6,000 US Treasury 2% 12/15/54-52

Howell Fund: 10,000 US Treasury 2-1/4% 1959-56

Principal balances:	Hancock Memorial	433.81
	Permanent Fund, City	536.21
	Samuel Fund	76.13
	General Fund, Park	2,276.43
	Consolidated Fund	5,005.39

RELOCATION OF SCULPTURE: Mr. Marceau reported on the meeting of the Committee on Relocation of Sculpture, in Fairmount Park on October 16th, in order to view the silhouette of Jeanne d'Arc. The members of the Committee and members of the Board present, approved of the site just north of the Philadelphia Museum of Art and between East River Drive and Pennsylvania Boulevard. Photographs were taken. Members of the Board moved

That the Committee's recommendation of a new site for the Jeanne d'Arc be accepted; that the matter be presented to the Park Commission and upon their favorable action, the subject be returned to the architects for restudy and treatment of the new site with estimates of cost.

It was hoped that the subject be taken up in February, the treatment and estimates be then considered, with the moving of the statue to take place some time in the spring.

AERO MEMORIAL: In the absence of Mr. Steel, the Chairman of the Aero Committee, Mr. Martin reported for him. At the meeting of the Committee and Board members on October 16th, it was the consensus of opinion that the green space on Logan Circle at 20th Street, directly opposite the main entrance to the Franklin Institute, was the most satisfactory location in which the silhouette of the Armillary Sphere was viewed. Members of the Board viewed the photographs taken of the silhouette and after discussion the matter was referred back to the Aero Committee with instructions that the architects prepare suitable treatments of the sphere in the selected space and return to the Board.

SAMUEL MEMORIAL: In Mr. Ingersoll's absence, Mr. Marceau presented the architect's renderings of the treatment for the undecorated sides of the two figures on the South Terrace of the Samuel Memorial. After inspection and discussion, the Board instructed the Committee to return the matter to the architects with permission to make contracts with the sculptors so that their models might be made. The Board approved of the quotation submitted but left the final decision on the inscriptions to the Samuel Committee.

NEW BUSINESS: The filling of the place on the Board, left vacant by the death of J. Stogdell Stokes, was postponed until the next meeting, with the recommendation that the Board members consider and submit suggestions of a likely candidate to complete the Board.

The President read a communication from the Better Philadelphia Exhibition requesting additional funds for moving and storing of the exhibition material, It was

Resolved, that \$100 be given to the Better Philadelphia Exhibition for storage purposes.

The President spoke of the speaker for the annual meeting in January and after some discussion it was decided that Mr. John Harbeson should be approached by the President.

The Board was told of the new location of the Association's office, after the first of the year, 123 South Broad Street, Room 2721.

It was suggested that any of the Board members wishing to have invitations to the Association's annual meeting sent to possible future members and friends, submit to the Secretary the names and addresses of same.

BILLS: The following bills were approved for payment:

Aero Fund:

Stait Outdoor Advertising - Silhouette of Armillary Sphere, erecting and taking down same	\$250.00
Reuben Goldberg - Photographs of Sphere	16.00

General Fund:

Stait Outdoor Advertising - Erecting Jeanne d'Arc silhouette and taking down same	45.00
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Reuben Goldberg - Photographs of Jeanne d'Arc silhouette	16.00
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A Pomerantz & Company - Cards for file index

Citizens Council on City Planning

Dues 11/1/46 to 11/1/47 -	\$25.00
" 11/1/47 to 11/1/48 -	<u>25.00</u>
	50.00

W. L. Letsch - To refund Estate of Roland L. Taylor for telephone service October and November	10.00
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On Motion, the meeting adjourned.

Executive Secretary