

Women of Virginia
Commemorative Commission
Executive Board
September 4, 2013

Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Secretary Lisa Hicks-Thomas
Em Bowles Alsop
Rita McClenny
Lissy Bryan

Jacqueline Hedblom
Alice Lynch
Sandra Treadway
Susan Schaar

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Lisa Hicks-Thomas at 3:07 p.m. Members of the Executive Board exchanged greetings and then began to address new/continuing items of business.

The first order of business discussed was fundraising efforts. Members of the Executive Board heard a presentation from Janet Geldzahler, a member of the Virginia Capitol Foundation, on how the Capitol Foundation believes the Commission should go forward in their fundraising efforts and how the Capitol Foundation can assist. Ms. Geldzahler explained the Capitol Foundation would take on a new way of fundraising which would encompass the needs of both the women's monument and Indian's monument. Ms. Geldzahler stated that the Foundation believes under such a coordinated effort, the needs of all of the current Capitol Square projects will be met. Ms. Geldzahler also stated that the Capitol Foundation will charge a fee to cover the costs of staffing and materials needed for fundraising. Members of both Commissions will be asked for a recommendation as to what a proper percentage would be. The clarification was also made that the proposed unified approach would not take away from the personal approach to fundraising. Consequently, if there is belief that there is a specific group or persons who will only be interested in donating to the Women's Monument, and not the other projects, the Capitol Foundation will work with the Commission and decide how they should best approach the donor.

A motion was made at 3:33 p.m. by Secretary Lisa Hicks-Thomas to enter into closed session pursuant to § 2.2-3711 A(3) and (6) and § 2.2-3712. The motion was seconded by Susan Schaar. Members of the Executive Board stayed in closed session until 4:52 p.m.

Commission members then discussed dates for future meetings and what the next steps for the Commission will be. The meeting was then opened up to public comment, of which there was none. Secretary Lisa Hicks-Thomas then called for adjournment.