

Claiborne Association Board Meeting
June 18, 2026

In Attendance: Rob Todd, Jennifer Shea, Terry Babb, Susan Cooper, Maura Bollinger, Steve Friedberg, Martha Hamlyn

Minutes

Susan motioned for acceptance of February and March minutes previously distributed. Motion approved.

Treasurers Report

Phil missed the meeting but later sent financial update. General Operating = \$19,927. Building Reserve CD = \$15,210. Endowment (invested) = \$207, 042.
May tax filing for 2025 was completed. IRS form 25 and MD Dept of Assessment and Taxation Form 1.

Program Update

- Upcoming annual 4th of July parade and ice cream. Planning underway for a couple things before the August picnic.
- Update that Libby Moose has not been well. Some in the community planning a small “cocktail party” on her front lawn so she can visit from her porch. Would like to give her the recent group photo taken by John Rock that would be signed by neighbors. Board agreed.
- Idea came up for possible future annual Founders Day event to tell the story of how the Village Hall got started. Rob remembered he even has an old plaque that was made when construction was completed in anticipation of a Grand Opening, but COVID got in the way. Maybe the plaque could be used in the future to recognize past and future Presidents of the Association. Side note – Maura has a laser engraver.

Video Project

Jennifer updated on video progress of Claiborne Stories and coordination with reimbursement from Maritime Museum.

Hall Plans

- Maura has divided this project into 3 categories: **Functionality** – i.e. placards for emergency defibrillator, sound buffering, acoustics etc. **Learning** - people and places, ferry, RR, expanding displays, artifacts like the old post office. **Expression** – art displays and telling the stories behind them - like what the mosaics represent.
- We have new neighbor that worked for ABC and may play advisory role for acoustics and lighting. Maura and Marty made and installed several acoustic buffering panels hung on the ceiling of annex. More can be added. May also consider drapes in the hall for sound deadening at community events but creates a storage issue and takes away from windows. Note that acoustics for music is very good as it is.

- Maura needs direction on sound equipment in cabinet – what is used and what needs updating. Low priority but on the list to check with Busy Graham if it would be easier on music groups if we had professional sound system.
- Maura also thinks that the history of Miracle House would make a good story and display.
- Displays for local artistry creates logistics issue - unless an art piece is donated for permanent display.

Strategic Plan Goals

- How does what we have accomplished tie back to strategic plan. Rob will make sure next board is aware of the strategic plan. Mike Kuperberg used the goals as part of each agenda.
- Fundraising needs improvement. Last year was a good campaign and built up the endowment. Annual campaign should be ready to go out November/early December timing.
- Progress made with new budget format (thank you Susan) and getting new people involved.
- Susan proposed an idea for tying future projects back to the strategic plan by numbering each section in the plan. Any project funding requests would then include a reference back to the numbered section.

Miscellaneous

- Building/Grounds – Janet asked if spigot could be moved out of vegetation so hose could be attached. Rob will talk to Will/Jake.
- Hall Use/Sign Up – Jennifer asked about a process to sign up for use of the space. Martha thought this could be done by expanding use of the monthly calendar and include anything going on – like Monday Ladies, Tuesday/Thursday yoga, etc.

July Board Meeting

New slate voted in at August picnic. Will use our July meeting to plan for business meeting at the picnic. Text any agenda items to Rob.

Meeting adjourned 8:05.