

**Robert Russa Moton Museum  
Board Meeting  
MINUTES**

March 8, 2010

**Board Members Present:**

Robert Hamlin, Dorothy Holcomb, Cynthia L. Johnson, Hugh Kennedy, Grace Moton, Ruth Murphy, Melvin Nunnally, A.D. "Chuckie" Reid, Howard Simpson, Joy Cabarrus Speakes, Charles Taylor, Andrea Verschaeve, and Wanda Whitus

**Board Members Absent:**

Sharon Carney, Nina Monroe, J. Michael Utzinger, and James P. Young

**Staff Present:**

Lacy Ward, Jr. and Tina Colona

**Call to Order and Approval of Minutes:**

- The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by President, Robert Hamlin.
- The minutes of the February Executive Board Meeting were reviewed and approved without corrections.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Financial/Visitation Report:**

- Big shift in operating income between 08 and 09.
- Net assets show a "pretty good year," as museum has doubled its value
- Statement of activities included in board packet for year ending December 31, 2009.
- Clearly people see this as an important and viable institution

**Committee Reports/Recommendations**

**Executive:**

- Minutes tell the story of what took place in Executive Board meeting
- Everyone's invited to attend Executive Board meetings'; voting is left only to E.B. members.

**Governance:**

- Additional revision to bylaws: within non-categorical members, "At least one non-categorical member shall be a person who resided in Prince Edward County between 1959 and 1964, and who was unable during those years to begin, continue, or complete his/her education in the public schools of the county." This revision is introduced today and will be voted on at the next full board meeting

**Resources:**

- Personnel Manual: motioned and seconded to approve with an understanding that there will be amendments. The motion carried with 11 members voting for and 2 opposing.

**Development:**

- Meeting cancelled due to weather. Update given on student strike students for inclusion in the April 23<sup>rd</sup> event

- At next meeting they will have date and agenda for family challenge event
- Walkathon will be moved to April 2011 as a part of the events of the week of the opening of the museum

**Program:**

- Committee considered and completed important docent material for Galleries I & II
- For Gallery II, committee divided the main ideas into three categories of importance: A. Advocates of Education in Prince Edward County; B. History of the School Buildings; and C. Legal/Cultural Background
- The committee has invited Larissa Ferguson to attend its next meeting, at which time they will view the computer visualization of the museum galleries

**Director's Report:**

- Director summarized his activities during the months of January through March of 2010 in the areas of fundraising, capital improvements, administration and public relations
- Board members categorically defined: Those categorical members will receive a ticket and be represented. The decision made about who represents what entity will be made by the contributor
- 2 million dollars in written requests that director will hear about in the near future

**Old Business/Additional Comments:**

- Mr. Hamlin: A lot of work has been done, a lot more to be done . . . the more layers you *peel off* this story, the more significant connections you find. Mary Turner (GMAP representative) asked Bob where he sees the museum in 5-10 years and he replied that he wanted it to be the best place (the one sought out) for history in civil rights education
- Ms. Colona: Please fill out Board member information before you leave
- Mr. Kennedy: Considering Friday's episode (of an unruly visitor), could we consider having two people here on the weekends? Mr. Ward: We will consider it.

**Old Business:** There was no discussion of old business

**Adjournment:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m. by President, Robert Hamlin.

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Andrea Verschaeve, Secretary of the Board

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Tina Colona, Administrative Assistant