

FRIENDS OF PLEASANT BAY
JULY 12, 2021
DRAFT OF 2021 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
(to be submitted for approval at the 2022 Annual Meeting)
Held at Wequasset Inn and Resort
Harwich, MA

Members Present: President Suzanne Leahy, Dorothy Bassett, Allison Coleman, Sarah Griscom, Tasia Blough, Eric Dicke, Don Ziegler, Robin Davis, Kathy Green, Todd Kelley, Robert Granger, Kris Ramsey, Jeanne McNett, Jensie Shipley.

Absent: Jeffrey Morgan, Alice Prince, Maia Ward, Haley Cedarholm

Call to Order: President Suzanne Leahy called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. On behalf of the Board of Directors and herself we wanted to extend our thanks to the Wequasset Inn and Resort for hosting us once again, especially on such short notice.

Secretary's Report: Kathy Green reported that the minutes had been distributed and were available on the website. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the annual meeting, July 13, 2020. Hearing no discussion - the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Eric Dicke presented the FOPB financial report for the period 7/1/20 - 6/16/21 along with the approved 21'-22' budget. The report had been distributed and was available on the website. Eric said that we were in very good shape financially and thanked the membership for their continued generosity. We have 95K in unrestricted funds. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Hearing no discussion - the motion passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee Report: Robin Davis presented the following slate for the FOPB Board of Directors:

2nd 3-year term: Eric Dicke, Alice Prince, Tasia Blough, Jensie Shipley,
Bob Granger, Kathy Green, Maia Ward

1st 3-year term: Catherine Kane, Corliss Primavera, Mon Cochran

A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate as presented. Hearing no discussion - the motion passed unanimously. Thank you to all and a hearty welcome to our new Directors!

The Nominating Committee according to bylaw must be comprised of 2 current Directors and 3 at-large members of the organization. The following slate was presented for the 21'-22' Nominating Committee:

FOPB Directors: Don Ziegler, Mon Cochran

At-large Members: Joan Barker, Eunice Burley, Paul Niles

A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate as presented. Hearing no discussion - the motion passed unanimously. Thank you Robin and the committee for their hard work in filling these positions.

President's Report: Suzanne talked about the 'All hands on Deck' type of Board that we have and then she introduced the Board. She also recognized Kris Ramsey (for his critical work with our annual appeals and his work reshaping the governance area); John Sinopoli (for his work on the very important education committee citing that over 3000 students have been served in some way through our educational grants); and Jeanne McNett (for her wise counsel and great communicator skills). These Directors have completed their 6 year term on the Board and we thank them for their service.

The FOPB is doing well - we have expanded our grant giving to serve more students and educators. The Floating Classroom is USCG certified - it is the first ever solar powered all electric teaching vessel in the US. The certification process was arduous but finally the FC has been officially transferred to PBCB and will start transporting children next week. And the Sipson Island Land Trust has completed the purchase of all remaining lots. There are plans to de-construct 3 homes currently on the island. Many thanks to the Board for their tenacity and to the membership for their support.

In 1985 Catherine Manson had a vision when she organized the FOPB - what could and would be preserved. She also wanted us to have a respect for the people who came before us and took care of the Bay. To address this we have established a new committee called the Native Cultural Initiative with FOPB Directors Maia Ward, Sarah Griscom, Todd Kelley, and Dorothy Bassett. They hope to work in partnership with the Wopanaak Language Reclamation Project.

Adjournment: A motion was made and seconded to close the annual meeting at 4:54 PM. Hearing no discussion - the motion passed unanimously.

Guest Speaker: Jennifer Weston, Director of the Wopanaak Language Reclamation Project - their goal is "to return language fluency to the Wampanoag Nation as a principal means of expression" - a great presentation followed with a question/answer period.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Green, Secretary

