

BRICK HOUSE TRUST 2019 ANNUAL FAMILY MEETING

Saturday, April 6, 2019, 10:00 am - **DRAFT MINUTES**

Katherine Montgomery called the meeting to order at 10:06 am and Rutledge Young, Jr. opened with prayer. Katherine welcomed everyone and inquired if they had been receiving board emails and had visited the family website. www.brickhouseplantation.com Family members having technical difficulties in accessing the website should contact their board representative for assistance.

Thirty-two shareholders present representing more than the twenty percent need for a quorum.

Approval of *2018 Annual Family Meeting Minutes: *Simons Young made a motion to approve the 2018 minutes. Helen Hutson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

Election of Trust Board Representatives: *Evans Jenkins made motion for the *Slate of Representative to be approved. Robby Jenkins seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

Appointment of Brick House Ruins Stabilization 501c3: *Helen Hutson made a motion that Rutledge Young, Jr. be appointed Chairman and Simons Young be appointed as the Jenkins Family representative. Jenkins Montgomery seconded and the motion passed unanimously.* The Stabilization Board currently consists of Rutledge Young, Jr., Simons Young, Randell Stoney, Patrick Butler, and William Hamilton.

Treasurers *Report: Jeannean Jenkins gave a verbal report. Lacey Hein is the new treasurer. She has set up Quick Books for the family to help with billing of share-holders and have more option for paying taxes and assessments. Statements will be sent to share-holders based on the previous year's assessments. The goal is to collect 50% of the amount owed by June. After the tax bill from Charleston County comes out shareholder accounts will true up with the balance due to be paid by December 31st.

Susan Jenkins had questions concerning how Charleston County assesses the houses and docks on the property. There was a discussion of concerning the procedure and Susan volunteered to join the Finance Committee to assist them in implementing a plan that would assess each individual's personal property, ie, houses, docks, etc, that add to the tax bill.

Transfer of Shares, see *report for changes during the last year.

Brick House Stabilization Update: The finance report was given by Rutledge Young, Jr. and the progress report by Simons Young.

Rutledge Young, Jr.: Brick House was built in 1725, possibly earlier. It was acquired by the Jenkins family in 1798. Burned in 1929. In 1970 it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Simons Young began the effort to stabilize the ruins in 2011. A 501C3, Brick House Ruins Preservation, Inc was formed in 2017. To the date \$77,000.00 has been raised with the Jenkins family contributing approximately \$30,000.00 Two fund raisers (2018/2019) which were organized by Deke Montgomery raised \$17,000.00. There is currently \$31,980.00 in the Stabilization account. Not only has Moby Marks's company done excellent work on restoring the ruins, but he has donated back, to the Brick House Ruins Preservation, approximately \$29,000.00. The Board should send a thank you note to Mr. Marks.

Simons Young: The south wall has been stabilized with steel braces and treated wood. The chimneys have been braced and clamped back into position. Next will be the rebuilding of the jack arches. Stainless steel angles will be used to hold the arches in place. The plywood in the windows will then be removed. The old steel beams will be removed because they contract/expand causing the bricks around the windows to crack.

The plan is to start repointing the brick in the next 2 to 3 months. The craftsmen who will be doing this work are willing to teach the family this process. The American College of Building Arts maybe able to help with this project. Katherine Montgomery requested more information about the program and the student volunteers.

Maintenance *Report: An update was reported. A clean-up day has been set for Saturday, Oct 12th, 2019. Please mark your calendars. This is in preparation for the Annual EIHP Tour.

Forestry *Report: Jeannean Jenkins read her report which was compiled from minutes from board meetings and her meeting with SC Forestry Commission. John Blankin, Brian Whitsitt and Scott Whitsitt volunteered for the forestry committee. Currently we will maintain the trees that are currently planted and all logging has been put on hold.

Arthur J. Jenkins Jr. had questions concerning the contract and check received from the Long Leaf Pine Alliance. Rutledge Young Jr. explained he had spoken with a representative from the LLPA and the contract was for 10 years and we were 7 years into it. Depositing the check did not obligate us to continue to plant long leaf pine, simply to maintain the ones already planted. We would not be responsible for replanting any trees lost.

New Business:

Engraved Bricks: Leslie Lane has done research about engraved bricks. She has selected a company and more information will be forthcoming. They will be used in conjunction with the beautification of the Ruins Historical Site and the Memorial Garden. Robby Jenkins and Noni Langford will be assisting with the development of plans and the board hopes to have some ideas to present to the family.

EIHP Tour 10/26/19: Brick House will be on tour for the first time since 2012. A clean-up day before the tour will be Oct 12th, 2019. Please mark your calendars. We will need volunteers especially for parking and transport (golf cart volunteers) for handicapped and elderly guests. Ann S. Jenkins will see if the Spiritual Society is interested in performing and will provide the information to Jeannean Jenkins who will see if the Museum will post this information on their website. Contact Ann S. Jenkins if you can volunteer to help on the day of the tour.

Leap Year Oyster Roast Fund Raiser: The next oyster roast fund raiser will be held February 29, 2020. Evans Jenkins will be the organizer. Contact him to volunteer.

Oyster Farming Steamboat Creek: Contact Ellen Harrell for details.

Request: Ellen Harrell requested permission for the family of Mr. W. G. Abergotti III, author of Abigail's Story, tides at the Doorstep, to visit Brick House on May 4.

Adjournment: Susan Jenkins made a motion to adjourn. Lee Frank seconded. Passed unanimously. Adjourned 11:05

* See attached report which can also be found on the family area of the website. www.brickhouseplantation.com