



**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM  
MUSEUM BOARD MEETING  
556 W. Maple  
Thursday, March 2, 2023  
5:00 PM**

Members Present: Caroline Ashleigh (Alternate), Kristy Barrett, Bev Erickson, Alexandra Harris, Judith Keefer Marty Logue

Members Absent: Pat Hughes, Jay Shell

Student Members Present: Alexander Motea, Alexandra Schaufler

Administration: Museum Director Leslie Pielack

Guests: None.

Chairperson Logue called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Student representatives and members introduced themselves.

**Approval of the Minutes  
Minutes of February 2, 2023**

**MOTION:** by Erickson, seconded by Keefer:

To approve the minutes of February 2, 2023.

**VOTE:** Yeas, 5  
Nays, 0

**New Business**

Director Pielack provided an update to board members regarding the status of the Taylor monument project. The final marker was ordered and is expected in August or September. The Friends are considering options for restoring Elijah Fish's marker as well. Carter Cemetery Preservation, Inc. will provide an assessment and estimate of Fish's marker and some of the other at-risk markers later in the spring for the Friends board's review. Ms. Harris is working on a watercolor interpretation of a portrait of the Taylors based on a sketch that appeared in the Eccentric in 1898. She shared a study of a larger portrait she is planning that will be used by the museum to help tell the Taylors' story. Director Pielack also shared an update of the Michigan Humanities Council grant-funded Underground Railroad in Oakland County project. Progress is being made, and more potential freedom seekers have been identified for further research. The traveling exhibit is anticipated to be ready in December, and the interactive web site will also be live around that time.

**Communication and Reports**

Director Pielack shared that the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade school tour program is planned to take place again in May. Birmingham Public Schools Student Learning and Inclusion Coordinator, Bill

Pugh, has met with museum staff to discuss plans for updating the tours to include diversity issues in local history, and to reduce group size for the tour of the Hunter House to help assure that students receive the best possible experience. Mr. Pugh will also be working with the museum to develop ideas for additional curriculum resources that can be used by teachers in the second grade to reinforce some of the key experiences of student tours.

Ms. Keefer suggested that Next might be interested in scheduling day trips to the museum. Ms. Logue announced that the planned April 13, 2023 date for the Museum Board meeting is in conflict with observed holidays and the board will not be able to meet that night. Members agreed that rescheduling the April meeting until later in the month is problematic, and discussed skipping April's meeting altogether in favor of the regular May meeting.

**MOTION:** by Barrett, seconded by Keefer:

To cancel a Museum Board meeting in April altogether due to scheduling problems, and to hold the next Museum Board meeting as planned on Thursday, May 4.

**VOTE:** Yeas, 5  
Nays, 0

**The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 4, at 5:00 PM.** Ms. Logue adjourned the meeting at 5:43 PM.