

Coastal Museum Association

Business Meeting

Zoom Meeting

May 6, 2020

Meeting Minutes

CMA President Elyse Butler, Presiding

In Attendance

Jeff Freeman - Davenport House
Joe Stahl- Savannah Area Council of
Garden Clubs, Inc. Botanical Garden
Cora Morris- Individual
Kelly Zacovic- City of Savannah Municipal
Archives
Glenda E.A. Anderson – GHRAC
Herbert Victor- Mickve Israel
Kayla Clark - UGA Marine Education Center
and Aquarium
Jamie Credle - Davenport House
Laura Seifert - Savannah Archaeological
Alliance
Kat White - Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace
Holly Elliot - Coastal Heritage Society
Elyse Butler - Georgia Historical Society
Wilma Wheton - Bonaventure Historical Society
Rachel Warren - Massie Heritage Center
T. Baloi – Scad Student
Emily Hallman – SCAD Student

Jessica Estes – Telfair
Noah Kelber – SCAD Student
Devin Vander-voort - SCAD student
Luciana Spracher – City of Savannah Municipal
Archives
Chris Sergi – Andrew Low House
Christian Carr – SCAD professor
Katie Epps -
Elizabeth Srsr – Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace
Courtney McNeill – Telfair Museums
Robin Gunn – Ossabaw Island Foundation
Sarah Jones – Tybee Historical Society
Gabrielle Hentleman – Prohibition Museum
Erin Dunn – Telfair Museum
Michael Whitaker – CEMA
Lee Booth – Coastal Heritage Society
Sabrina Saturday – Georgia Historical Society
Susan Kingery – Mercer Williams House

Discussion

Reopening Sites – How and when are you doing it?

- Prohibition Museum is starting to be open 5/8 with shortened hours, social distancing, sanitizer stations
- Jamie Credle asks if being open 7 days a week will be profitable at first, and if not, should we consider staggering days so that there is always a museum open on each day of the week
- Andrew Low House planning to reopen June 1 with ticket sales in the courtyard, self guided tours, stantions regulating the flow of traffic, sanitizing all touchpoints regularly, taking it one day at a time and being flexible

- Ossabaw Island Foundation wanted to do June 6th but the marina the boats leave out of wont be open until June 12th. Wants to know about public restroom sanitizing best practices
- Rachael Warren wants to know if everyone is able to get adequate supplies that they need?
- Kayla Clark – UGA programming will be virtual, Rachel agreed
- Does anyone have any plans for fall or winter in person programming? SCCPSS hasn't said anything about what they will allow, many other sites are playing it by ear
- CHS is cancelling summer camps but some non-museum summer camps are still happening. Massie = no summer camps either
- Elyse Will make a Google Drive folder for members to share resources and plans for all to see.
- Legal Waivers if someone catches COVID at your site? Ossabaw has a release / hold harmless waiver in general and are looking into adding a clause about COVID.
- Would exterior signage of “enter at your own risk” work? – Jamie
- Andrew Low house is looking into ordering masks with their logos on it
- Prohibition Museum will have posters made to look like 1918 Spanish Flu warning posters. Not requiring masks, are requiring temperature checks for employees at the start of the shift.
- Jamie Credle displayed transparent face shields that are better ADA compliant options for docents and tour guides
- Ossabaw Island Foundation – must wear a mask on the boat and inside the check-in building

Program – Michael Whitaker – CEMA on new Cultural Heritage Response Web Portal

Displaying functionality of the new web portal and basic how-tos. Sites that want to enter their own information will need to do the training.

Followed up with information about the 2020 Hurricane Season and hurricane planning in Chatham County