

Historic Havre de Grace Foundation

Meeting Minutes



Historic Havre de Grace Foundation
Minutes September 23, 2025

Present: Randy Menard (President), Gail Ruley (VP), Diane Pearson (Treasurer), Lilma Huntley, Judy Plitt, Kathy Keen, Kathleen Lee, Matt Brown (financial advisor Edward Jones), Ashley Detar (notary Edward Jones), Jean Johnson (Chair HdG Historic Preservation Commission)

Absent: Cheryl Janssen, Carol Nemeth, George Wagner

Meeting held at the Havre de Grace Police Dept.

1. **Call to order:** 6:36pm

Minutes from August 26, 2025 approved as written

2. **Treasure's Report:** Diane P.

Assets: APG checking account: \$12,855.54

- Edward Jones investment acct: \$87,136.22. \$25,000 of this is in a money market. The remainder is in the original stocks Ron had chosen. Discussion ensued about moving this money into a managed stock portfolio at Edward Jones. Matt B. will write up a proposal for us to consider.

Income: two donations: \$23.00

Expenses: \$146.00 storage unit and \$49 web site

3. **Membership update:** Diane

No new members. Diane agrees to continue to manage. Excel membership file will be edited and updated by Diane, Kathy Keen & Kathleen Lee.

4. **Old Business**

- First Friday: Foundation participated Sept. 5; went well.
- Storage unit: Gail and Diane moved items to a smaller storage unit which will reduce our cost from \$146/month to \$55/month. Goal is to eventually eliminate the storage unit.
- Secretary position: we will continue to rotate minute-taking monthly until someone steps up to assume the role of Secretary. Schedule: October Judy P., November Carol N, December - no meeting, Jan. 2026 Kathleen L., Feb. Cheryl Janssen, March Lilma H., April Diane.

5. **New Business**

- New web site completed by Carol Nemeth. HHF members reviewed. All were impressed with it. Good job Carol! Will need access for Randy and other members to be able to add to the web site. Plan to add Agendas and Minutes. Randy will discuss with Carol to make this possible.
- Randy mentioned an email he received from Jean Johnson regarding concern by the HdG Historic Preservation Commission for how the planned Legacies development

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on the hill will affect the historic manor houses Mount Felix and Sion Hill. HHF will not get involved at this time.

- President position: Randy will continue as President for now.
- Coloring book of HdG old houses is being completed by a graphic artist Randy knows. We plan to hand this out to kids at local events.
- Forms provided by lawyer managing Ron's estate signed and notarized. Randy will return the signed forms to the lawyer.
- Randy made a motion to elect Cheryl Janssen to the HHF Board of Directors. Judy P. seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Congratulations Cheryl!

6. Miscellaneous

- Ask George Wagner if he would be interested in displaying railroad items for sale at Bahoukas.

Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Keen