

Historic Havre de Grace Foundation

Meeting Minutes



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MINUTES

October 28, 2025

Present: Randy Menard, President, Gail Ruley, VP, Diane Pearson, Treasurer, Lilma Huntley, Kathy Keen, Kathleen Lee, Judy Plitt

Absent: Cheryl Janssen, Carol Nemeth, George Wagner

Meeting was held at Havre de Grace Police Department

1. Call to order: 1:05 pm

Minutes of September 23, 2025 approved as written

2. Treasurer's Report – Diane Pearson

Assets at APGFCU: \$12,746.77

Edward Jones Investment Acct. \$90,250.30

3. Membership update – Diane Pearson

2 new members: Matt Brown and Matthew Ellis

Kathy Keen reviewed old membership list.

Need new brochure. Kathy Keen and Cheryl Janssen will work on this.

4. Old Business

Storage unit has been reduced to \$66 per month with tax.

Decision to be made to sell books, railroad tools and other artifacts. There are still 4 of 11 storage bins remaining. Lafayette material from Randy's presentation is in a storage bin. All other items need to be looked at. There is an 1890s HdG map to be assessed.

Secretary's position continues to be rotated monthly until someone volunteers to do this permanently.

November – Carol Nemeth

January – Kathleen Lee

February – Cheryl Janssen

March – Lilma Huntley

April – Diane Pearson

5. New Business

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The Historical Society of Harford County has requested the HHF to donate \$500 for the printing of 50 copies of Herbert Ray McCommon's diaries of HdG. The book will be sold for \$10 each. Author is Ken Sterner. Motion made to approve by Randy Menard, seconded by Kathleen Lee. Discussion followed and motion passed 7 yes, 1 no. The Harford County Historical Society will acknowledge the HHF sponsorship giving us publicity.

Consultant Nayali Mowbray met with Randy, Gail and Diane. Her fee is \$600 per week with a minimum of 10 hours per week on an as needed basis. She would direct the HHF on scholarships, grants, loans, etc. per her extensive qualifications. She would help the HHF carry out our mission. Motion to approve was made by Kathleen Lee, seconded by Diane Pearson. Vote was unanimous 8 yes, 0 no.

Coloring book by graphic artist Jake is in the works. He submitted a sketch of Lafayette and is working on the lighthouse.

October 14 HPC meeting notes: Randy talked about HHF goals, both long and short term. (I will bring copies of these goals to our next meeting.)

Website update: Randy has been given password for access to update, etc. Anyone else from HHF who would like access will need approval.

B & O Museum thanked us for china and books donated to them.

There is some interest in railroad items from Randy's friends.

Auction of Ron's artifacts is underway.

Holly Jolly celebration is December 5, 6, 7 in tent at David Craig Park.

Volunteers are: Gail 12/5, Diane 12/6, Kathy Keen & Kathleen Lee 12/7.

6. Gail will talk to George Wagner re: railroad items for sale in his store.

7. Adjournment at 2:50 pm. Motion made by Kathy Keen, seconded by Diane Pearson. All in favor.

8. Next meeting is Friday, November 21, 1 pm at HdG Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Plitt, Acting Secretary