

Historic Havre de Grace Foundation

Meeting Minutes



Historic Havre de Grace Foundation Minutes of June 24, 2025

Meeting started at 6:34 PM

Present: Randy Menard, President, Kathleen Keen, Kathleen Lee, Secretary, Judy Plitt, Lilma Huntley, Debbie Goldman, Gail Ruley, Vice President.

Last months Minutes were read by Kathleen Lee.

On July 29, 2025 there will be the event at Harmer's Town Graw Alley for Lafayette. The Foundation will be there at a table. The tablecloth, table and canopy will be set up. Diane, Kathleen Lee and Douglas are planning on being at the Havre de Grace Historic Preservation Commission table with Randy at the Foundation table. Douglas Frost has offered to help and will bring some small bottles of water, salt water fudge, ice, and a cooler.

Diane Pearson, treasurer was unable to attend the meeting this month. Randy said, as of June 13, 2025, the Foundation had a little over \$41,000 at the bank. Debbie Goldman suggested a donation jar at future events to raise more money. Gail suggested cutouts of Lafayette with holes where the head would be for people to take pictures with. Randy works with a graphic artist that could help create and make a black and white coloring cartoon book of Lafayette to sell. Randy liked ideas by Douglas Frost on coloring book etc.

Randy revised our Foundation Mission Statement and will redo our badges.

Historic Houses: Marita O'Connell created a Historic Homes of Havre de Grace Street by Street website that is now maintained by George Wagner. We need to figure out criteria for when we start giving loans and grants. Randy went on State of Maryland websites and found criteria for getting a home on the Maryland Historic Register.

Randy has been working on car magnets, pens etc. advertising the Foundation and they should be ready by July 29th. Debbie said get good quality car magnets. The Harmer's Town car magnets were cheap and fell off of cars after a few months. Randy assured that these car magnets will be good ones.

Website: Kathy Keen will meet with Carol Nemeth on Thursday and inform us of results after meeting. The website has been paid for.

Randy will print out our mission statement and have his daughter make a fancy handwritten version of it.

Randy has not gotten ahold of B & O Railroad Museum archivist. Kathy Keen and Gail would like to give all railroad items to this museum and let the Aberdeen B&O museum work with the Baltimore B&O museum as they would like a place setting of the B&O Railroad china for

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their museum in downtown Aberdeen. Gail would like to get rid of storage unit. Some of the railroad items could be consigned to George at Bohaukas Antique Store,

Members of the Foundation discussed creating a plan to let the public know about the loan and grant program we will be doing in the future. It was agreed we also need an application form. Gail will check at Staples about an application form.

The latest on Ron Browning's home is that his sisters want to remove everything in house to a warehouse so house would be empty and ready for sale. They are looking for a auctioneer/appraiser to do this.

Gail got rid of books finally after quite a bit of work and driving to Belair.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Lee, Secretary