

Minutes of the Mathews VA 250 Committee

June 21 2023

Meeting was called to order by the Provisional Chair Alexandra Warhol at 3:00 PM in the conference room of the Mathews Memorial Library.

Attendees: Sandy Warhol, Tom Karow, Bobby Dobson, Fred Lyon, Laura Messier, Sharon Frye, John Priest, Hunter Owens, Tom Edwards, Joe Syslo, Reed Lawson (by phone)

1. Brief introductions were made by each individual. Biographies were previously requested and distributed to each participant.
2. The chair explained the reason for this meeting: It was necessary to form the preliminary organization consisting of Chairman, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer, in order to conduct future meetings, assign potential tasks through committee and generally conduct business throughout the entire period culminating in the 2026 celebration.
3. The Chair then explained two methods by which the executive staff of the committee could be chosen: by secret ballot or by acclamation. Brief discussion ensued. All were in agreement with vote by "show of hands". It was also explained that because not all participants in the room at the time were certified by the Mathews BOS, only those that had been certified could be nominated and elected for a position, It also ran that Visitors could not vote for the nominees for the same reason.
4. Nominations commenced from the floor:
 - a. Chairman Fred Lyon nominated and selected by acclamation.
 - b. Vice Chair: Sandy Warhol nominated and selected by acclamation.
 - c. Secretary: Reed Lawson: nominated and selected by acclamation.
 - d. Treasurer: Joe Syslo nominated and selected by acclamation.
5. A short two-part video was shown as examples of what might be ideas to pursue in seeking grants.
6. Strawman Bylaws were distributed to all attendees. The provisional chair charged the committee members with taking the draft bylaws home for review and comment, bringing their comments to the next meeting chaired by chairman select Fred Lyon.
7. Some discussion regarding the Gwynn Island Festival took place. A feature of the festival, a skit involving Lord Dunmore might be a good idea to capture on video. Tom Edwards, and John Priest took the action to seek out the possibility of recording the skit on video for potential future use of the committee.
8. Next meeting was set for July 19th at 3:00 at the Mathews Library where a "Brainstorming" session facilitated by Joe Syslo will be held for committee members to stimulate ideas and themes for the VA 250 effort.
9. Meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM