BOD-Committee: 1967-05-11, Board of Directors Meeting

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The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Maud Gordon Holmes Arboretum commenced at 8:15 pm in the Faculty Dining Room of Noot Hall, State University College at Buffalo, with the Honorable Judge Sebastian J. Bellomo presiding.

Those members present were Honorable Sebastian J. Bellomo, Mr. Albert L. Cooper, Mrs. Paul E. Cottrell, Mr. Carleton P. Cooke, Dr. Theodore E. Eckert, Mr. Edwin N. Fava, Mrs. Wells E. Knibloe, Dr. Edna H. Lindemann, Mr. David L. Peugeot, Mr. Donald L. Voltz, and Mrs. A. Holland Wheeler. Dr. George Laug, Director of the Arboretum was also present.

Members not present were Commander E. William Baker, Mr. Alfred Brose, Mr. John M. Galvin and Mr. Tobbio Martino.

Guests present were Acting President and Mrs. Houston T. Robinson, Mr. Wesley V. Pipher, and Mr. Lon McKean.

Judge Bellomo opened the meeting by expressing thanks to the Robinsons for their gracious hospitality, libations, and tidbits at their residence, 152 Lincoln Parkway.

The Judge expressed disappointment that the inclement weather precluded the planned Tour of the Arboretum by the members of the Board and suggested the tour be planned for the next meeting.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of February 21, 1967 was waived inasmuch as they had been mailed to each Board Member. The Secretary, Mrs. Wheeler, pointed out corrections to be made in the minutes and accompanying list of addresses of Board Members as follows:

Correct spelling of Judge Bellomo's name in minutes, and on list also his address to Eldon from Eddon and add zip code 14215. Mr. Cooper's zip code corrected to 14217 from 14223. Add zip code 14068 to Mr. Fava's address. Add zip code 14203 to Mr. Galvin's business address. Correct Mr. Cooper's zip code to 14202 on his business address. Add zip code 14270 to Dr. Lindemann's residence. Correct address of McKinley High School to 1500 Elmwood Avenue and add zip code 14207. Correct Mr. Peugeot's address address zip code to 14240, and correct his residence address to 20 North Drive and add zip code 14216. Add
Treasurers' Statement

Mrs. Wheeler, in the absence of the Treasurer, advised that the Finance office submitted a balance in the arboretum account of $5,376.23 excluding earnings since January 1st, 1967.

Revolving Fund

Mrs. Wells E. Knibloc turned over to the secretary $3.60 remaining in the Revolving Fund.

Budget

The Chairman brought up for discussion the advisability of establishing a Budget for the ensuing year.

Dr. Laug advised that he is released part time from his regular teaching duties to work on the Arboretum and expressed the need for funds for typing, part-time services of a secretary, brochures, maps and permanent markers. He also mentioned he is looking for an Assistant Director.

Mr. Voltz reminded the Board of the membership dues of $3.00, $5.00, and $25.00 and expressed need for an organized membership drive. He also pointed out these dues and any monies given or bequeathed to the Arboretum are tax deductible because of the tax exemption status given to the Foundation. It was brought out that any literature prepared for such a membership drive or any brochure advertising the Arboretum should carry the notation "checks should be made payable to the Fraud Gordon Holmes Arboretum" and are tax deductible.

The chairman appointed Mr. Edwin M. Fava to prepare a tentative budget for presentation at the next meeting.

Concept of Arboretum

Mr. Pipher advised maps of the campus would be available for a brochure. Dr. Lindemann explained to the Board the hope of establishing an unattended Information Center on Campus for the Arboretum including the possibility of a large metal relief map with all specimens marked on such map. It is felt that the future Campus will perhaps incorporate in an Educational park complex, McKinley Vocational High School, Historical Building, Albright-Knox Gallery, State Hospital grounds, etc. Thus the Arboretum will extend beyond the present buildings encompassing adjacent areas. Printed maps could be on hand at the Center for people to pick up as a guide to the varieties and placement of these varieties on Campus.

Progress Report of Arboretum Plantings

Mr. Wesley Pipher representing Perkins & Will, the master planning architects for the campus, reviewed the progress made so far with respect to plantings and replacements at Rockwell Hall and the Quadrangle. Dr. Laug
Mr. Voltz suggested it was an appropriate time to express the Board's gratitude for the untiring effort Mrs. Wells Knibloe had put into the formulative work of the Arboretum during the past six or seven years. The Chairman directed that such commendation be noted in the minutes.

**By-Laws Discussion**

Mr. Voltz presented the By-Laws for adoption by the Board of Directors and discussion of each section ensued. The following changes were directed to be made in the printed By-Laws:

Page 1 - Article I - Members Election and Terms
2nd paragraph - 1st word in third line - change word shall to may.

Page 2 - Article III - Board of Directors
"A" - number - change 12 to 15 members.

Page 3 - Designation of Committees.
Under "a" - delete words "and Finance"

Mr. Voltz pointed out the term of Designee members is governed by By-Laws. Representatives of the founding organizations are designated by such organizations and serve as their representatives for such term as the organization desires.

Motion was made by Mr. Voltz that the By-Laws as printed with the above suggested changes be adopted. Motion carried.

**Proposed Organizational Chart**

Dr. Lindemann and Mr. Voltz presented a proposed organizational chart and printed explanation thereof. The suggested Committees are the Planning Committee to oversee the overall general objectives; the Operations Committee to actually do the work of carrying out the objectives; the Administrative Committee to be responsible for the Services Division and Finance Division and the paper work necessary hereto in addition to preservation of records, historians book, etc; Public Relations Committee to be the "Voice" of the Arboretum.
Proposed Committee Personnel

The Chairman read, for the approval of Board Members, a list of Committee Chairmen and personnel. It was suggested that the proposed Committee Chairmen meet with the members of their respective committees immediately following the Board meeting on June 21.

Tour of Arboretum

Dr. George Laug, Director of the Arboretum, invited the Board to tour the Arboretum at their next meeting to view the new plantings. He advised a revision was being made of the large map identifying and locating over 400 specimens.

Next Meeting

It was determined it would be necessary to meet before the Fall and such next meeting was agreed to be held Wednesday, June 21st at 5:30 pm to tour the Arboretum. Dutch treat dinner and meeting to follow at Chefs' Restaurant, 291 Seneca Street, Buffalo, New York.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 10:00 pm.

Margaret H. Wheeler
Secretary