

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 13, 2002, MEETING
OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GRASSLAND FOUNDATION, INC.**

Board Members in Attendance: Col. Rutland Beard, Jr., Marvin H. Anderson, Sarah Webb Griffith, Marylu Chaney Lammers, Rev. Franklin Ways, and Donna Ware Luckenbach.

Marvin Anderson, President, called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m. on April 13, 2002, at the DuLaney History Room, Severn Cross Roads, Millersville, Maryland. The first order of business was the nomination and election of officers for the calendar year of 2002. Rev. Frank Ways nominated Donna Ware Luckenbach for President. Sarah Griffith nominated Marvin Anderson for Vice President. Marvin Anderson nominated Sarah Griffith for Secretary and Marylu Lammers to continue as Treasurer. The slate of officers was accepted and voted on unanimously.

Marylu Lammers presented the Treasurer's report. The current balance, as of 31 March 2002, is \$9,429.53. Current membership, based on paid dues, is 61 members, down from 100 at this time last year.

Marvin Anderson reported that he will prepare a newsletter and send it out in the near future. He summarized some of the draft articles for the newsletter, one of which announces the failure in negotiations with Corporate Office Properties Trust (COPT), the operating entity of The National Business Park, for the use and preservation of Grassland by COPT. Mr. Anderson encouraged submittal of articles for the newsletter.

Marvin Anderson and Donna Ware reported on the \$50,000.00 grant awarded by the Maryland Historical Trust ("MHT") in FY2001. Use of the funding has been delayed due to the protracted negotiations with Corporate Office Properties Trust ("COPT"). The Board endorsed moving forward with using the MHT grant and authorized Marvin to sign the grant agreement. The motion to adopt certain specific written Resolutions authorizing the foregoing was made by Rev. Ways and seconded by Col. Beard. It was a unanimous vote by the Trustees.

Marvin told the Trustees that he has hired Wayne Gibson as architect for the project (at no "put-of-pocket" expense to the Foundation). The scope of work will include a design for the restoration of the two porches, including the restoration to its original 19th century appearance of the outside second story porch on the south elevation; installation of new electrical and cooling systems; and repairs/replacement of selected portions of the main and addition roofs. Investigation of the removal of the 1950s shed wing will also be initiated. A second phase of work (to be funded at a later date) will include the actual removal of the wing, the repair and restoration of the north elevation, and construction of a smaller wing, which will house kitchen and bathroom facilities. Donna Ware reported on the Maryland Tax Credit refund that is available to the Foundation. Under this program, any non-state funding used for the renovation of Grassland is eligible for a 20% refund to the Foundation. For example, if the Foundation spends \$20,000 on the renovation, it is eligible for a refund of \$4,000 from the State. The Board agreed to investigate this refund potential.

Donna Ware also reported on an inquiry made in December 2001 by the Marriott Courtyard company regarding the future use of Grassland. The representative from Marriott Courtyard said that they were investigating the purchase of Lot #1 of the National Business Park (the lot adjacent, to the west, of Grassland). In December, they were making an assessment of current available space for meetings and conferences in the immediate area. They also inquired about the potential partnership with the Foundation for use of the Grassland dwelling for small meetings and conferences. They informed Ms. Ware that settlement on Lot #1 might occur early in 2002, and that they would be in contact after that happened. However, by the date of this Board meeting, Ms. Ware had not heard anything further from Marriott Courtyard.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a. m.

Submitted by: Donna M. Ware (non-family member)

Secretary