

G.A.R. Memorial Board of Trustees

Meeting April 19, 2011

Minutes

National Guard Armory Room C, 50 Skyline Drive, Worcester, Massachusetts

Meeting Began at 5:43 p.m.

Present: Daniel McAuliffe, Reynaldo Rodriguez, Robert Grogan, Timothy Boucher

Old Business:

1. The Board went over plans to move the current civil war display from the Grafton Historical Society to the Worcester Public Library. On Monday April 25, 2011, Daniel McAuliffe and Bob Grogan will meet at the Grafton Historical Society to pick up the displays. They will then transport them to the Worcester Public Library where Reynaldo Rodriguez will be waiting to assist bringing in the items and setting them up.
2. Tuesday April 26, 2011 at 10am is the opening ceremony at the Worcester Public Library. Chairman McAuliffe showed the Board advertising flyers created by Mora McCavey of the Worcester Public Library. One flyer advertises the opening ceremony and the other the 150th Commemoration display as well as the presentations that will be made during the month of May.
3. The Board then went over the order of the ceremony:
 - a. 10-12 minutes prior to 10am, a slide show of civil war photos along with music will entertain and educate as the audience arrives.
 - b. Chairman McAuliffe will open the ceremony with an introduction about the G.A.R. Board as well as the artifacts on display and presentations taken place. Mayor Joseph O'Brien is expected to attend and say a few words.
 - c. Secretary Reynaldo Rodriguez will follow with a brief oral presentation on Worcester County Civil War notables, G.A.R. Post #10 history, and the Soldier's Monument located on the common.
 - d. Department of Massachusetts Sons of Union Veterans Department Commander and Board member, George Maple will follow talking about the SUVCW and of the things done by the G.A.R.
 - e. Chairman McAuliffe will then invite everyone to view the display and to attend a noon presentation on "Burnsides Expedition".
4. Chairman McAuliffe confirmed dates that he will be presenting the "Burnside Expedition" at the Worcester Public Library. Secretary Rodriguez will open the presentation with a brief summary of Lt. Commander William B. Cushing and how he sank the C.S.S. Albemarle. The bell of which is a prized Worcester G.A.R. possession that will be on display at the Worcester Historical Society until November 2011. The presentations will take place on Saturday May 14th at 1pm and Wednesday May 18th at 7pm.

New Business:

1. Chairman McAuliffe informed the Board that the Bell of the CSS Albemarle will remain at the Worcester Historical Society. Secretary Rodriguez will do periodic power point presentations at the Worcester Historical Society on various Saturdays throughout the remainder of the time that the Bell is on display. Dates are TBA.
2. At the Worcester Senior Center, the next visit for the display, Secretary Rodriguez will do a presentation on "Glory: African Americans in the Civil War" tentatively on Wednesday June 15, 2011 and Thursday June 23, 2011. The movie "Glory" will be played on a Friday at the Senior Center during one of their Friday Flicks.

Nothing further to discuss the meeting ended at 6:17 pm.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday May 17,2011 at 5:30 pm at the National Guard Armory on Skyline Drive.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reynaldo Rodriguez

Secretary, GAR Memorial Hall Board of Trustees