

Solomon Welles House Committee Meeting Minutes June 8, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Kathleen Bagley, Pam Ragonese, Cheryl Gardow, Debbie Balzo, Marilyn McPhee and Nancy Smith.

A. [Minutes - April 13, 2004](#), were accepted as read.

B. Letters and Announcements.

None.

C. Pending Business.

1. Budget Report.

The budget is on target for this year. New storm doors and main doors have been purchased for the caretaker's residence for their kitchen door and their back porch door. A few hundred dollars and will be left in the budget for this year.

D. Committee Reports.

1. Interior Design and Decoration.

Members discussed needs for interior painting of some rooms. Ms. Bagley will have rooms painted during the month of August when the house is closed for rental.

2. House and Grounds.

Members took a tour of the exterior of the house. Comments were made that exterior painting needs to be done on the house. Ms. Bagley will reiterate her request for the house painting with maintenance and if they are unable to schedule the time, have an outside contractor paint the north side of the house.

3. Landscaping.

Members took a tour of the house. Members commented how well the plants were doing around the house. They especially thanked the caretaker for her work with the back end of the house and her garden. A suggestion was made to look at a different way to decorate the house for the holiday season. Caretaker, Dana Cotugno, suggested placing two small artificial Christmas trees on either side of the doorway with white lights on them instead of the roping around the columns. Members liked this idea and asked Ms. Bagley to look into the possibility of having electrical outlets put on either side of the door for this purpose. Pam Ragonese volunteered to purchase two (2) urns for the containers for these trees and also to be used as planters over the summer months. The urns would be purchased with the remaining funds from this year's budget.

E. New Business.

Pam Ragonese reported that this would be her last meeting on the committee. Her term has expired and she decided not to renew for the upcoming year. She thanked all the committee members for working with her and wished them future success with the care of the house. Committee members thanked Pam for all her work and expressed their pleasure in working with her over the years.

F. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.