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Meeting of the Board of Governors

The meeting was called to order by the President-General at 10.30 A.M. at the Warwick Hotel.

The following members were present: Marjorie Black Ward, Barbara M. Kalbfleisch, Natalie L. Densmore, Emily G. Hopkinson, Henry F. Davis III, Emelee W. Suttentfield, John Morton Fultz, Jr., W. B. Shubrick Clymer, Percy Hamilton Goodsell, Jr. Juliana Tilghman Paca, Richard B. Light, Jr., Truxtun R. Brodhead, Franklin B. Satterthwaite, Dr. Norton Downs, III, Mildred W. Lee and Clinton B. Axford.

The Board voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

Registrar-General Mrs Kalbfleisch reported 14 new Senior Members, including 3 Life members and 7 new Junior Members. Two of the Seniors were previously Juniors. There were 2 resignations and two deaths. In addition Mrs. Kalbfleisch reported that she had mailed 29 letters and received 24 applications and we all know that this requires much research on her part. The Board commended her for her fine work. (see attachment I)

Treasurer-General Miss. Densmore reported a much more healthy Treasurers account, with \$1730.00 in the checking account and total assets of \$21,354.40 (see report attached.) This is quite a jump from the 1970 report showing total assets of \$17,941.79. Increased dues and membership accounts for it. Miss. Densmore warned the Board that there was a large Delinquent list, 14 who have been delinquent two years. Mr. Satterthwaite promised to write to all of them before the Fall Meeting. Altogether there are 60 Delinquents. (see attachments II and III)

Miss. Densmore requested an Audit of her accounts, expenses to be paid by the D.S.D.I. Motion was passed

Mr. Axford asked for a motion of sincere thanks be expressed to our retiring Treasurer-General. Motion was passed..

The Fall Meeting will be held in Staunton Virginia on October 2nd, 1971. Details will be forthcoming when Mrs. James Waller Callison, Chairman has arranged all the necessary details.

Bicentennial Committee Mr. Goodsell expects to view some additional bas relief artist examples before the Fall Meeting and hopes by that time the final award might be arranged. As Chairman of his committee he strongly believes the necessary funds (approximately \$15,000.-\$16,000.) can be raised by our Society. Presently we have reserved in the Bicentennial account, over \$4,000. and by 1976 we should with a Finance Committee, raise the balance. The Secretary-General is of the belief that a prominent person should pass on the final art award because today Washington has become quite critical of some of the questionable examples of art that have been presented to the government as well as the city. No action was taken.

The President-General announced that the President of the New Jersey Society, Miss. Martha Nye Jackson resigned. The Board accepted her resignation with regret.

The President-General was of the opinion that our annual gift to the Historical Society, which is presently \$50.00 annually should possibly be raised. Both s. Kalbfleisch and Mrs. Ward complain of the filthy conditions where they must work. Possibly conditions could be adjusted if we offer to pay a little more. Either our First Vice-President-General or our Secretary might report on this.

Scholarship Committee Dr. Downs reported that he has three applications, but only one has been completed. Since Mr. Goodsell was also on Dr. Downs committee, they voted to give the award to Miss. Margaret Wallace Patterson, who is a descendant of William Floyd. Her address is 6960 Warwick Road, Indianapolis Ind. 46220.

The New York Board Meeting has been set for February 19, 1972.

General Meeting of the Society

The meeting was called to order at 2.15 P.M. in Independence Hall, East Wing Annex.

The Honary Chaplin-General Dr. Harding, gave the prayer of the Society and the invocation.

The Pledge of the Allegiance to the flag was read by First Vice President-General Fultz.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The President-General, when speaking of the needs of the Society, accented the Freedom and Dignity of Man. He then stressed the fact that we now have the largest membership in our history. The Beaufort meeting had over 80 members and guests in attendance. Mrs. Barnard O'Connor's cocktail for the New York State Society had between 80 and 90 members attending. In a broad sense we are progressing very well.

Report of the Board of Governors Mr. Clymer President of the New Hampshire Society invited us to his state for the Fall Meeting.

Miss. Martha Jackson resigned as the President of the New Jersey Society.

Mr Fultz reported that the Antiques Show for the benefit of the University Hospital was a great success. The feature of the show was a collection of furniture, pictures and objects of various kinds that were owned by the original Signers. He gave great credit to Mrs. Joseph Bernard Hauck and Mrs. Harry Williamson Pierce who contributed their efforts to make the show successful.

Although Mrs. William Lynch II, President of the Delaware Society was not present, she informed the President-General that she is working with her congressman on a plan to eventually have a new stamp issued to commemorate each Signer of the Declaration of Independence. In addition it would help the cause if as many of us as possible would write to "Citizens Stamp Administration Commission, Washington, D.C. 20260.

The Virginia Society announced that the Fall Meeting will be held in Staunton Virginia on October, 2nd, 1971.

Since the Beaufort Meeting was so successful, many suggestions were made that other localities might well be designated as a possible meeting place for our Society.