

GAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 17, 2019 7:00pm
Conference Room, 50 Skyline Drive, Worcester, MA 01605

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, Linda Hixon, George Maple, Michael Baker and Zach Washburn present, Edward Wheeler absent. Timothy Boucher from the city present.
2. June 26, 2019 meeting approved by vote.

Items of business:

1. Meeting with the representative city attorney's office regarding the status and direction of the Board's future postponed for future date. Chair Linda Hixon proposed sending a letter to City Manager Edward Augustus on the direction and possible increased role of the board.
2. Update on interest status of GAR trust fund account.
3. Board member George Maple was unable to contact with the Museum of the Albemarle concerning information on the state of the loaned collection, after hurricanes impacted the region. George will try other methods of contact for an update in December.
4. Chair Linda Hixon contacted the Worcester Historical Museum about their Civil War collection and the Willie Grout Coat. Discussion over planning a board visit to view the collection. Discussion of an 8-foot print badly in need of conservation. Willie Grout's coat is still in original case from the GAR Hall at 55 Pearl Street. Because the display is not conservation standard, if the coat is conserved it cannot be displayed in that case. A replacement case would be needed. The board recommended that members see the displays and artifacts, then invite Bill Wallace of Worcester Historical Museum to discuss the artifacts in December. Linda Hixon will act as point of contact with WHM.
5. No new business brought before the board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM

Michael Baker, Secretary