

Friends of the Boston City Archives Meeting Minutes
Monday, 13 December 2004, 6:00 p.m.
Piemonte Room, Boston City Hall

Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Present: Michael Rush (President), Rosaria Salerno, Mary McMillen, Kristen Swett, Elizabeth Corella, Sheila Spalding and Meghann Walk.

1. Approval of Minutes

Skipped

2. Reports:

President

Michael Rush reported that it has been a very successful year, complete with two well-attended and received symposiums; one in May at the Old State House, and another in November at Stonehill College. Also, the newsletter was sent out with membership renewal solicitations.

Treasurer

Mary McMillen reported that the Friends treasury has \$796.50. A film crew producing a documentary film titled *Hitler's Lost Letters* (due to air in January, 2005 on the History Channel), donated \$200.00 to Friends in appreciation for the use of the City Archives building for filming.

Clerk

Rosaria Salerno reported the purchase of the Keyspan building is complete and plans for renovation into an archives facility are underway. The new building will be called the Heritage Center. Rosaria praised the efforts of Archives staff in compiling a report stating the archive's needs for the new facility.

Also, the search for an Assistant Clerk is in its final phase.

Archives Staff – Program Update

A report by Deputy Archivist, John McColgan was read by Rosaria (see Attachment).

3. Election of Officers

The following officers were unanimously voted in:

- Michael Rush, President
- Carney Gavin, Vice President
- Mary McMillen, Treasurer
- Sheila Spalding, Secretary

4. Discussion of Events for 2005

The following people were named as possible lecturers for a Friends event in 2005:

- Erin J. Dolin – author of *Political Waters*
- Carney Gavin - Historian
- Ellen Berkland – City of Boston Archeologist
- John Stilgo – Landscape historian, urban environments expert
- Bob Allison – author of *A Short History of Boston*
- Westy Egmont
- Nancy Seashoals

5. Discussion

Michael requested that records of the Friends remain in the custody of each President and be kept in order. There was unanimous agreement.

It was suggested that Friends host a BAG (Boston Archivists Group) meeting to solicit new members and gain more involvement.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.