

ANNUAL MEETING
BEATRIX FARRAND SOCIETY
8th ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, August 6, 2011
Garland Farm

Board Members Attending:

Jim Fuchs, President
Dick Crawford, 1st Vice President
Howard Monroe, Secretary
Neil Houghton, Treasurer
Peggy Bowditch
Emily Fuchs
Dick Habermann
Marti Harmon
Carolyn Hollenbeck
Arthur Keller
Scott Koniecko
Julia Leisenring
Valencia Libby
Isabel Mancinelli
James Ross
Lois Stack
Judith Tankard
Margot Woolley

Board Members Absent

Diane McGuire, 2nd Vice President

Jim Fuchs called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

The minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting were not available; they will be reviewed at the 2012 Annual Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Neil Houghton gave the Treasurer's report; he stated that the Finance Committee's revisions to the accounting system had been completed, and that the Beatrix Farrand Society has had a good year financially. The Society started the year with cash on hand of \$19,662 and will end the year with approximately \$40,000 once all payables have been subtracted.

President's Report

Jim Fuchs gave the President's report. This was the conclusion of his 8th year on the Board, 4 of which he had served as President. He summarized some of the Society's history and accomplishments during that time.

When the organization was first formed, Patrick Chasse, who was a major motivating force in the effort to save and restore Garland Farm, was the President; Emily Fuchs was the Vice President; and Jim was

the Secretary/Treasurer. One of the first accomplishments of the group was to establish its not-for-profit status. Jim expressed gratitude to the many officers and members of the Society who have given generous gifts of time and resources over the years.

Jim encouraged Society members to take a tour of the buildings and grounds, and see all that has been accomplished. There currently is a wonderful facility for education and lectures (the former barn) and a wonderful library, with a range of resources located in Beatrix Farrand's former home. The Terrace Garden has been lovingly restored with the plants Beatrix Farrand had selected for the original garden, the result of a multi-year initiative including many Master Gardeners and many hours of volunteer time.

Election of Directors

A motion was made, seconded and approved to elect the following Directors:

Re-elected to the Class of 2014

Margaret Bowditch
Emily Fuchs
James Fuchs
Neil Houghton
Lois Stack

Elected to the Class of 2014

Shirley Beccue
Brenda Les

Jim thanked Marti Harmon and Howard Monroe, who are coming off the Board, for their long and important service to the Society.

Election of Officers

A motion was made, seconded and approved to elect the following Officers:

President.....Scott Koniecko
1st Vice President.....Carolyn Hollenbeck
2nd Vice President.....Judith Tankard
Secretary.....Margot Woolley
Treasurer.....Richard Habermann

New Business

New President Scott Koniecko thanked returning Board members for their service. Judith Tankard thanked Marti Harmon for her significant work over the years developing the library, and noted that she would be continuing this excellent work as a non-Board member. She thanked Howard Monroe, as well, noting his many years of service as Secretary and Treasurer of the Society.

Scott commended both Jim and Emily Fuchs for the major role they each played in the Society, stating with its inception, and continuing through Jim's 4 years as President and Emily's leadership role with Docents, Tours, and Events. Along with Carolyn Hollenbeck and Judith Tankard, Scott unveiled a gift commemorating the Fuchs service. The gift is a library table designed by Robert Patterson that was originally in the library at Reef Point, and has had several owners since then. It was recently tracked down and purchased, and will be placed in the Garland Farm library in honor the Fuchs' service.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Submitted by:
Margot Woolley, Acting Secretary