

LORING GREENOUGH HOUSE
MEMBERS ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
May 8, 2024

Board Members in Attendance: Diane Spears, President; Andy Hatcher, Vice President; Nancy Leask, Co-Treasurer; James Doane, Co-Treasurer; Carolina Frias, Co-Clerk; Michael Epp; Vin Longo; Dorothy Clar; Alice Liu; Lorie Komlyn.

Sarah Coyne and Members at Large

In Person Meeting called to order: 7:10 pm.

A. Meeting Introduction, by Diane Spears, President

1. Photo of baby Hollis, Sarah's son who is now 5 years old!
2. Approval of 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes
 - o Motion was made to review minutes. The 2023 meeting minutes were approved by all in attendance.

B. Treasurer's Report, by James Doane, Co-Treasurer

1. James says that 'I think we're healthy!'
 - o Income as of this date: \$186,173
 - o Expenses as of this date: \$167,045

C. Accomplishments

1. LGH Native Plant Border, presented by Shoma Haque, Founder of Shaque Designs and member of the Landscape Committee.
 - o Shoma spoke of the Goals and Steps for the design and installation of the native border planting. The design involved:
 - Assessing existing native and non-native plants.
 - Creating a new design that incorporates the existing native plants, and adds new native plants. Non-native plants will be relocated.
 - Creating a planting plan that was sent to landscape contractors for pricing.
 - o Kyle Canole of Uncommon Grounds Garden Services was selected for the planting installation work.
2. Collections Committee, presented by Kate Lapine
 - o 1,500 items comprising the various collections of LGH are now on the LGH website (log in via Past Perfect). Dan Neff, Curation and Collections Consultant, has entered 1,438 objects so far.
 - o The Collections Committee found a volunteer powered website, 'From the Page' that works to transcribe documents. Volunteers are now working on LGH's documents.

- New volunteers are always welcome to help and can sign up online.
 - Kate introduced a couple in attendance who met at Marguerite Souther's dance school.
3. "A Woman of Vision- Marguerite Souther", presented by Andy Hatcher, with the following highlights of her life:
- o John Souther- photo. J. Souther (M. Souther's grandfather) was a contractor who filled in the Back Bay.
 - o Andy showed slides of the Souther Mausoleum in Forest Hills Cemetery; 'Allandale'- the Souther residence was located at 44 Allandale Rd (now gone).
 - o Marguerite attended Smith College. She started teaching private dance classes in 1912 after her father died. Her classes also supported Eliot Hall.
 - o Slide of 'Greenough Home will be Saved'. The house was used by local residents as club rooms.
 - o Original price of LGH was \$70,000, with the price reduced to \$50,000 with help from the Jamaica Plain Tuesday Club.
- D. LGH Mission was presented along with photos of house repair projects.
- E. The 100th Anniversary Gala scheduled for Sept. 14, 2024 was highlighted, along with the Community event on August 22nd.
- F. Thank You Slides highlighted the contributions of our sponsors and volunteers.

Notes taken by Nancy Leask, Co-Treasurer

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 pm.