

TRUSTEES OF FORBES LIBRARY
Thursday, February 22, 2024

Present: Ms. Debin Bruce, Mr. Russell Carrier, Ms. Lisa Downing, Ms. Molly Moss, Ms. Elizabeth Sheirer, Ms. Katy Wight. **Also Present:** Ms. Julie Bartlett Nelson, Archivist; Madison Socha-Bishop, observer for the Forbes Library Employee Association (FLEA); Eli Porth, observer for the Friends of Forbes Library. **Present via Zoom:** Ms. Anne Teschner, Trustee; Ms. Ruth Francis, Trustee; Kyle Hamilton, Treasurer; Mr. Brian Jamros and Kathleen Glowacki of Bartholomew Inc.; Maxine Schmidt, observer for the Friends of Forbes Library. **Absent:** None.

Pursuant to Governor Baker's Emergency Order Modifying the State's Open Meeting Law issued March 12, 2020, this meeting was held using remote participation via Zoom teleconferencing for some participants as indicated.

The meeting was called to order at 3:55 PM.

Bills & Warrants

The trustees signed the warrant dated February 22, 2024.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Bartholomew Quarterly Report

Mr. Carrier congratulated Ms. Glowacki on her new position as Vice President at Bartholomew Inc. Ms. Glowacki said that she would be spending more time in meetings with clients such as this but would continue being involved in the behind the scenes management of the Forbes portfolio.

Mr. Jamros introduced himself to the new trustees and said that the value of the portfolio as of January 31, 2024 was \$6,335,884.41. He gave a high level overview and background on Bartholomew Inc., which manages funds for over 300 municipalities and nonprofits mostly in Massachusetts. Ms. Glowacki then presented the January 31, 2024 endowment report. Bartholomew has been managing the endowment since January 2009. It currently has a 60/40 equities/bonds ratio, with an Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) focus, and is fossil-free. Since inception the portfolio has a 6.45% rate of return, realized gains of \$1,365,209.37, unrealized gains of \$367,392.96, and total gains of \$4,164,320.03. Bartholomew Inc. fees are based on the combined city of Northampton and Forbes' funds, and is 20 basis points, or .20%. In the last four quarters, this has been about \$3,000 per quarter. This fiscal year, the portfolio has returned 5.73%. The past few years have seen a lot of volatility with the pandemic and war in Ukraine, but the market is currently looking strong. When the Federal Reserve begins to lower interest rates, the market should respond positively. Going into an election year may cause some volatility, but it is usually short-lived. Ms. Glowacki then showed Forbes' performance compared with various benchmarks. She said that moving to a 60/40 asset allocation last fall happened at a good time and benefitted the endowment's performance. She then showed individual holdings and talked about the importance of rebalancing. The Forbes portfolio has about 8.5% in alternatives including real estate, which has performed well. They have extended the duration of some bonds in order to lock in higher interest rates. In response to a question from Ms. Francis, Ms. Glowacki said that there is exposure of up to 10 years, although the average is well below that,

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closer to 3-4 years. In response to another question by Ms. Francis, Ms. Glowacki said that there is some exposure to stocks like NVIDIA and other "Magnificent 7" stocks through mutual funds but that it does not have an excessive impact on the portfolio's value either way. Ms. Glowacki will email Ms. Hamilton and Ms. Downing with a more exact number. Ms. Downing asked Mr. Jamros to send her a copy of the report to distribute to the trustees.

The trustees thanked Mr. Jamros and Ms. Glowacki for their report and they left the meeting at 4:18 PM.

Secretary's Report

Ms. Bruce moved that the Secretary's report of January 25, 2024 be accepted and placed on file. Ms. Wight seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously with Ms. Bruce, Mr. Carrier, Ms. Francis, Ms. Teschner, and Ms. Wight all voting in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Hamilton presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2024. As of January 31, the Aid Fund had a balance of \$30,062.43 and the Book & Media Fund had a balance of \$4,590.86. The balance in all of the accounts at Florence Bank total \$242,868.55.

Ms. Hamilton said that she was happy to present a full set of financial documents this month, though she did not have time to do a narrative. She also created a new document that tracks the local fund balances at Florence Bank. Some of these documents are marked "draft" as there are a few discrepancies to work out, though nothing significant. She said the new structure is working much better, and now that the mechanics have been ironed out, she will meet with Ms. Downing and Ms. Moss to work out the variances. Mr. Carrier said this was a great leap forward and the trustees were pleased with the progress. In response to a question from Mr. Carrier, Ms. Hamilton said that transfers to or from the endowment that are voted on by the trustees, will usually happen the following month and show up on that month's report. Mr. Carrier inquired about the Janet Moulding Technology Fund established in December and added to in January, and he would like to make sure that Ms. Hamilton has all the transfers. In response to a question from Ms. Hamilton, Mr. Carrier said that the Performance Stage Fund would be kept local and not in the endowment. Mr. Carrier said the library has \$90,700 in the Performance Stage Fund, plus \$80,000 in ARPA funds, and about \$35,000 in committed funding from the Friends, with additional funding being sought. Ms. Downing said that the ARPA funds are not held by the library but are paid out when invoices are submitted. The trustees thanked Ms. Hamilton for her work.

Ms. Wight made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2024 and place it on file. Ms. Bruce seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously with Ms. Bruce, Mr. Carrier, Ms. Francis, Ms. Teschner, and Ms. Wight all voting in favor.

Gifts, Donations, and Bequests, etc.

Ms. Downing submitted a list of undesignated gifts received from multiple donors in January with \$2,261.05 going to the Morin Fund; \$3,000 to the Adult Programming Fund; and \$150 going to the Pris Pike Coolidge Endowment Fund. In addition a \$50,000 designated gift was received going towards the Performance Stage Fund.

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The following donation was received in January: a small plastic tray with image of the Massasoit St Coolidge home and words "Souvenir of Northampton."

Ms. Bruce made a motion to approve the undesignated and designated gifts and donation as proposed by Ms. Downing. Ms. Wight seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously with Ms. Bruce, Mr. Carrier, Ms. Francis, Ms. Teschner, and Ms. Wight all voting in favor.

Financial Report

Ms. Downing reported that the library's budget proposal is due to the Mayor's office by tomorrow. The instructions are to keep as close as possible to a 2.5% increase over this year. A draft budget was distributed to the trustees representing a 2.75% increase. Ms. Downing said this is a tight year due to the school department's deficit and a 9% increase in health insurance costs for the city. She and Ms. Moss worked hard to get the budget as low as they could. It would require cutting an additional \$3-4,000 to get it to 2.5%, which would cut into personnel costs. Forbes is in year 2 of a 3-year contract with the Forbes Library Employee Association (FLEA) with an agreed-upon 2.5% salary increase. The draft budget includes a 3.5% withdrawal from the Clarke & Earle funds, which are managed by the city. Mr. Carrier said that the amount of the withdrawal is based on 20 trailing quarters and has been going down, but with the recent strong stock market performance, will begin to go up again. Ms. Moss said that the Paid Family Medical Leave (PFML) cost is based on the calendar year. The budgeted amount reflects the costs for July-December, but could go up next January-June. This is something that Forbes pays that other municipal departments do not. Ms. Downing said she labored over every line item. Electricity was increased from \$73,000 to \$81,000. Custodial supplies have also gone up with the return to pre-pandemic building usage and the necessity for more frequent cleaning and air filter replacement. Ms. Downing said that this budget is pushed to the limit of what the library can absorb without reducing staffing. Ms. Downing, Ms. Moss, Mr. Carrier and Ms. Wight will be attending the meeting with the mayor and city's financial officer to discuss the budget. In response to a question from Ms. Teschner, Mr. Carrier said that the meetings and conversations with the city have been cordial and productive. He said once the mayor submits the budget to the city council, they can only take money away, not increase funding, though this has never happened. Ms. Moss added that the library's budget represents just 1% of the city's total budget.

Ms. Francis left the meeting at 4:45 PM.

Department Report: Calvin Coolidge Presidential Library and Museum (CCPLM)

Mr. Carrier welcomed Archivist Julie Bartlett Nelson to the meeting. She offered the new trustees an in-depth tour of the CCPLM and local history collection to learn what is in the collection and what is available online. She encouraged them to watch the 13-minute introductory film on Coolidge by Stan Scherer. Mr. Carrier said that there is no federal or state funding for the CCPLM, except for earmarks, the only one of which was received in 1955 for the renovation of the current room and display cases.

Ms. Nelson then presented a report on the activities of the CCPLM. The President's Book Group, begun in 2018 has finished reading Washington to Trump. The group restarted in January 2024 and will go through chronologically again. Attendance at the meetings has been growing. In June 2023 Coolidge's

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historic rise to the Presidency was commemorated with a program titled "When the President Dies: How Calvin Coolidge and Others Guided America Through Mourning" featuring Dr. Lindsay M. Chervinsky, Professor Michael J. Gerhardt and Nathan Masters. Other commemorative events were held throughout the summer. The annual meeting in November featured the showing of Stan Sherer's Coolidge intro film. The library received a \$2,500 grant from Mass Cultural Council to fund two 1920s musical performances tied to Coolidge Centennial celebrations. Coming up in 2024 will be a program on March 28 on the 100th anniversary of the Indian Citizenship Act, and a program on the Johnson-Reed Immigration Act is being planned for late spring. The Exhibits Committee worked in 2022-2023 on a program plan led by Beth Myers, head of Smith College Special Collections. JoEllen MacKenzie and Rob Weir will move the project forward by seeking consultants and an RFP for design work to update the museum space, exhibits, and collection storage. The Coolidge Development Committee was formed in January and the trustees will be asked to authorize a Coolidge Annual Fund timed for around Calvin Coolidge's July 4th birthday. The Peter Rowe Coolidge fund was established in January to help fund programs, exhibits, and projects.

Due to retirements and reorganization of staff in information services during the summer of 2023, new job descriptions were created for Coolidge and local history staff. Local history, genealogy and microfilm collection responsibilities were shifted to Dylan Gaffney. In FY23, 14 people provided 1,389 hours of volunteer service to Coolidge Museum programs, collections, and visitors. The limited staffing and reliance on volunteers is not sustainable for growth and a reimagined space. Ms. Nelson has been busy with work-study students, interns and volunteers working with the archives catalog to revise, enhance and add more materials. Spring and fall 2023 focused on photo collections and in 2024 the focus will be on adding objects to the catalog.

The priority for 2024 is working to comply with the new revisions to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). Forbes is actively working with NAGPRA staff to interpret and comply with the new regulations and engage with Sioux historic preservation officers and leaders. The law is mainly focused around human remains, but does also apply to artifacts. Ms. Nelson then discussed the circumstances by which the Coolidges were gifted the native American artifacts, including the headdress, peace pipes, and beaded work. They were given in the summer of 1927 in the black hills of South Dakota. Forbes is on a 2-year timeline to comply with the new regulations, after which if not in compliance, would become ineligible for federal or state funding. NAGPRA staff is having Forbes submit inventories to review, which will then go out to the tribes. There is an effort to get more grant money for museums to work on compliance, but for now the burden of the cost is on Forbes. It is unknown whether an onsite visit will be necessary, or if the objects will stay here or leave. If they stay, a formal consent will be required to exhibit any materials, along with guidelines on how to display them, label and interpret them, and talk about them with visitors.

In response to a question from Mr. Carrier about future needs, Ms. Nelson said that she does not yet know what will be needed for the NAGPRA compliance. However, she said the Coolidge Standing Committee is requesting \$3,200 to fund a 200 hour internship (\$16/hour) during the summer of 2024 for a student to work with staff and volunteers on inventorying, researching provenance and adding records to the database of objects in the Coolidge collection. She has

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also been talking with Smith College about the possibility of combining this work with Smith funding for a longer and more substantial summer employment opportunity. She knows of a few students who would be interested. There was also discussion about how the NAGPRA work could tie in with the Racial and Social Justice Advisory Committee's work. Ms. Downing said that the trustees are still looking for a chair for that committee.

Ms. Bruce made a motion to fund \$3,200 from the Morin Fund for a summer intern to work on adding records for objects to the Coolidge Collection database. Ms. Wight seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously with Ms. Bruce, Mr. Carrier, Ms. Teschner, and Ms. Wight all voting in favor.

Ms. Nelson left the meeting at 5:14 PM

Friends of Forbes

Mr. Carrier attended the February 6 meeting of the Friends of Forbes and reported that their 2024 budget includes \$46,700 in income and expenses, which the board approved. The only concern was about the merchandise being sold by the library and bought by the Friends. Ms. Downing, Ms. Hamilton, and the Friends are going to try to clarify and simplify the process. There was an \$18,203 surplus in the previous year's budget, of which 75% was decided to be returned to the endowment and 25% was added to the Director's discretionary fund. Planning has begun on the Garden Tour, scheduled for June 8, and the Artisan's Fair, scheduled for October 6. They are looking for volunteers, especially to work the raffle table during the garden tour. The raffle license has been reissued to them. The Friends are operating under the assumption that the focus of Library Giving Day this year will be the performance stage, and they agreed to leverage \$25,000 from their annual gifts to the library as a match to stimulate donations. If the donations reach that point, the library can increase the Friends match as needed. The Friends approved spending up to \$1,500 to help pay for the cost of the Volunteer and Donor Event scheduled for February 25. The Friends Annual Meeting will be on April 3, and they are working on a program. The Friends discussed plans to decorate the staff room and provide treats for the staff on Valentines' Day. The Friends have ordered 500 new bookmarks, and they are ready for use at the Circulation Desk and events.

Ms. Bruce made a motion to accept the report on the Friends of Forbes meeting and place it on file. Ms. Wight seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously with Ms. Bruce, Mr. Carrier, Ms. Teschner, and Ms. Wight all voting in favor.

Administrative Report

Ms. Downing reported that she and Ms. Moss have developed a detailed list of core competencies for staff to help identify proficiencies and areas needing training related to essential tasks and knowledge areas. They are implementing an inaugural review as part of the staff performance review process going on now.

Ms. Downing announced that the Trustees' Award ceremony will be held on June 22 this year.

An AED was installed by the front door. This was a gift of the Northampton Lions Club given to Forbes and Lilly Library in consultation with

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Northampton's Fire Rescue Department. The model is the same one installed in city buildings. There are pads and batteries that will need to be periodically replaced that the Fire Rescue Department has offered to oversee. They will also provide staff training.

The MBLC's website about State Aid is very informative, www.mblcstateaid.com. The trustees are encouraged to take a look at it if they haven't already.

CWMARS will be launching a new interface for the library catalog called the Aspen Discover Layer. Training has been provided to all public services staff in advance of the launch. This new system has several enhancements including the ability to view, manage, and check out digital material from OverDrive/Libby and other sources along with physical material from the catalog; virtually browse and place holds on titles by format (titles will be grouped, allowing straightforward access to every available format, including e-formats); search suggestions and spell check (predictive text will offer suggestions when searching for material and misspelled words in searches will also be corrected); accessibility improvements (including additional languages and high contrast and dark themes); and will be locally branded and themed for your favorite CW MARS library.

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) that provided over 350,000 Massachusetts households with internet subsidies is ending this spring. It is anticipated that Forbes will see an increase in patrons needing internet service and devices.

The Friends surprised the staff once again with a table full of Valentine's Day treats and decorations. This has become a beloved annual tradition for everyone on staff.

Ms. Wight moved that the Administrative Report be accepted and placed on file. Ms. Bruce seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously with Ms. Bruce, Mr. Carrier, Ms. Teschner, and Ms. Wight all voting in favor.

Next Meetings

The next regular meeting of the trustees is scheduled for Thursday, March 21 at 4:00 PM. The trustees scheduled the following meetings for the remainder of 2024: Thursday, April 25; Thursday, May 23; Thursday, June 20; Thursday, July 25; Thursday, September 19; Thursday, October 24; Thursday, November 21; and Thursday, December 19. Meetings will convene at 4:00 PM, unless the representatives of Bartholomew Inc. are invited, in which case the meeting will begin at 3:45 PM.

Ms. Hamilton will continue to work with the auditors, and will have a conversation with them about funding for the next fiscal year.

The next meeting of the Friends of Forbes Library will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 6:30 PM. Ms. Bruce will attend on behalf of the trustees.

Communications

Ms. Downing distributed a flyer received from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) about their legislative agenda for FY2025.

Discussion Topic: Being a Forbes Trustee

The planned discussion was postponed pending final approval to increase the number of trustees to seven, and the appointment of the additional two new trustees.

Trustees' 2024 Goals

The trustees discussed and finalized their goals for the year. An initial draft was distributed. Goals for 2024 include to publicly support legislation that protects intellectual freedom and library employees; increase board size to seven; increase BIPOC participation and voices in trustee decisions; increase access for patrons to private space for virtual meetings and phone calls through the addition of a privacy pod; support increased marketing and publicity efforts by exploring the possibility of allocating budget funds to marketing and publicity to cover dedicated staff hours as well as materials and advertising costs; activate the Finance Committee; increase both the amount raised and the number of donors annually, as well as the amount invested in the endowment; improve bathroom ventilation; support the renovation, collections, and programming work of the Coolidge CCPLM; add an accessible performance stage to the west lawn; prepare to renovate the young adult room, add a youth programming room, and update the HVAC system that supports the ground level; seek opportunities to serve as an ambassador for the library and advocate for the library's needs; advocate for improved links to existing and planned bike infrastructure in the city to the library; and support the downtown business community during the Main Street project.

Ms. Wight made a motion to approve the trustees' goals for 2024. Ms. Bruce seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously with Ms. Bruce, Mr. Carrier, Ms. Teschner, and Ms. Wight all voting in favor.

Coolidge Development Committee

Ms. Downing reported that the Coolidge Advisory Committee is seeking approval to launch a Calvin Coolidge Museum & Library Annual Fund. This annual appeal would avoid timing that conflicts with traditional annual development efforts by both the library's development committee and the Friends of Forbes. In addition, every effort will be made to focus on individuals and organizations who the committee knows have already shown or might have an interest in the Coolidge museum and not use the lists of donors of either the library or the Friends. All costs associated with the Coolidge annual fund will be the responsibility of the Coolidge Advisory Committee. Further, the Coolidge Advisory Committee will keep the trustees aware of the sums raised, but will have complete discretion as to how the funds are used to support the museum's mission. Mr. Carrier said that while the Coolidge Committee is responsible for the costs, library funds can be used to launch the campaign and then be reimbursed as the money comes in.

Ms. Wight made a motion to approve the Coolidge Advisory Committee's request to establish an annual fund as outlined above. Ms. Bruce seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously with Ms. Bruce, Mr. Carrier, Ms. Teschner, and Ms. Wight all voting in favor.

Mr. Carrier will chair the new committee.

Development Committee Appointment

As President of the board, Mr. Carrier was asked to appoint Alexander George to the Development Committee. He is an Amherst College philosophy professor

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that lives in town and supports the library. Mr. Carrier made the appointment.

Volunteer/Donor Event

Ms. Downing reported that she is anticipating about 125 people attending the appreciation event for volunteers and donors on Sunday, February, 25 at 2 PM. The committee that includes library staff, trustees, and Friends has worked hard to put together a lovely event. The Friends have committed up to \$1,500 towards expenses and Ms. Downing requested a matching commitment from the Morin Fund.

Ms. Bruce made a motion to approve funding up to \$1,500 from the Morin Fund for the Volunteer/Donor event on February 25. Ms. Wight seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously with Ms. Bruce, Mr. Carrier, Ms. Teschner, and Ms. Wight all voting in favor.

Performance Stage RFP

Ms. Downing reported that she and Mr. Carrier met with Charlene Nardi, Alan Wolf, and Pat McCarthy to discuss the performance stage project. A summary of that meeting was distributed to the trustees. As a result of that conversation, it was agreed that the best path forward would be to have the library put out a request for new bids that would be identical in scope. This will allow Forbes to ensure the receipt of comparable proposals and ideally have more proposals to consider. It will give Forbes more discretion in taking the lead on the project and in hiring the architect. The cost will be kept below \$300,000 to avoid triggering other requirements. The trustees were asked to approve issuing this RFP.

Ms. Wight made a motion to approve sending out requests for proposals for design services for the performance stage as proposed by Ms. Downing and Mr. Carrier. Ms. Bruce seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously with Ms. Bruce, Mr. Carrier, Ms. Teschner, and Ms. Wight all voting in favor.

Ms. Downing said she would work with Ms. Bruce on developing the RFP. Ms. Bruce said it was a big assignment. Ms. Downing said she hasn't done an RFP in quite a while, and will seek more help if needed.

Library Giving Day

Ms. Downing reported that the Development Committee is making plans for Library Giving Day on April 3, 2024. They will be doing a postcard and email campaign and seek approval to dedicate the proceeds of the day for the performance stage. The Friends approved \$25,000 to use as matching funds incentives.

Ms. Bruce made a motion to approve dedicating the proceeds from Library Giving Day to the Performance Stage Fund. Ms. Wight seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously with Ms. Bruce, Mr. Carrier, Ms. Teschner, and Ms. Wight all voting in favor.

Athena Sculpture Update

Ms. Downing reported that she, Ms. Moss, and Mr. Petcen met with Eileen Travis who is donating the Athena sculpture approved by the board a couple of months ago in memory of her late husband, Thomas J Ruane. She has also generously offered to use her expertise as a professional landscape architect

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to redesign the front garden bed where the sculpture will be placed. Her design aims to reuse some of the existing plants and add new plantings that will better fill the space. She invited Ben Snape from Milltown Excavation and Landscape who she has worked with before to develop a plan for the pedestal and garden path that will feature bluestone. A garden design will be brought to the Building and Grounds committee for approval. The aim is to have installation happen in May. In response to a question from Mr. Carrier, Ms. Downing said that Ms. Travis said she would supply a design for the garden area to the right of the front door, but that Forbes would be responsible for the plants and planting.

Increasing Board Size Update

Ms. Downing reported that she heard from Representative Lindsay Sabadosa that the legislature enacted Forbes' request to increase the number of trustees from 5 to 7, and that it is now before the governor for signing. Mr. Carrier said that Forbes would be able to move forward with this next month. Ms. Downing said that the process, as outlined in the library's by-laws, is triggered if the vacancy occurs 120 days before the next election. The President decides in consultation with the Director about whether a special meeting is needed, and then it is broadly publicized in print and social media for 10 days. Interested candidates provide a statement of interest and are then invited to the special meeting to address the board and answer questions. The public is also invited to submit questions. At the conclusion of the meeting, the candidate will be selected by roll call vote. Mr. Carrier said the trustees may finetune the process a little.

Ms. Hamilton left the meeting at 5:40 PM.

Reports from Subcommittees and Other Meetings

Development Committee - Mr. Carrier reported that the committee enthusiastically welcomed Alexander George as a new member. The Annual Appeal is running ahead of last year. There is an on-going need for folks, trustees included, to help with the thank you process. Please contact Ms. Downing or Ms. Moss for information. The Coolidge Advisory Committee are seeking permission from the trustees to create a CCPLM Annual Fund. Assuming the motion passes, the committee worked on a draft to-do list to create and institutionalize the process. Because of fiscal calendar issues, the committee decided to work on their annual goals after July 1st in the future rather than at the beginning of the calendar year. After much discussion, it was decided that a bit more work is needed on the draft Major Gifts Acceptance Policy. There was considerable discussion on and preparation for Library Giving Day which is on April 3 this year. The focus of the appeal will be to raise more funds for the proposed performance stage. The Friends of Forbes have already agreed to provide \$25,000 as a matching gift incentive and to go even higher if that goal is reached. Of course, the committee hopes all will support the effort as they are able. The next committee meeting is April 11.

The Coolidge Standing Committee - Ms. Wight reported that Julie Bartlett Nelson gave an in depth update on the new Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) rules and Forbes' response to date which includes updating the labeling on the headdress that is currently the only indigenous object on display, storing the painting of Coolidge wearing the headdress, and reaching out to seek a Sioux consultant to review the

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collection and make a recommendation. The programming committee announced a panel on the 100th anniversary of the Indian Citizenship Act for March 28. JoEllen MacKenzie and Rob Weir were appointed as co-chairs of the Exhibits Committee. The committee agreed to request the activation of a Development Committee for the museum. David Murphy was welcomed to his first official meeting.

Other Business

Eli Porth said that the Friends of Forbes are planning a fundraising field trip to the J.P. Morgan Library to see an exhibit about Belle da Costa Greene, an African-American woman who passed as white, and who built the library. It will be a day trip, leaving in the morning, and returning by about 7 or 8 PM.

At 5:46 PM Ms. Wight moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Bruce seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously with Ms. Bruce, Mr. Carrier, Ms. Teschner, and Ms. Wight all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 PM.