



Fort Monroe Foundation Report for the
Fort Monroe Board of Trustees Meeting
Bay Breeze Conference Center
June 18, 2015

Finances

The Foundation cash balance at the close of business on May 31, 2015 was \$147,396.00. The FMF financials through April 30, 2015 are attached.

The Waterfront Park Project and 7 mile Trail

FMA staff and the Waterfront Park Design Team are excited about the preliminary concepts and ideas that are developing during the research and analysis portion of the design effort. Efforts to schedule a community meeting where the design team can both present ideas and receive feedback on the ideas for the Waterfront Park at Fort Monroe are now underway. Fort Monroe stakeholders, as well as the community at large, will be invited to participate in this public meeting. As stated previously, the final conceptual design will be the basis for a capital campaign to begin the implementation of this project into the landscape at Fort Monroe.

Music by the Bay Sponsors Reception

The Foundation hosted the annual Music by the Bay Sponsors Reception on May 7 at the FMA House. Reception attendees were welcomed by costumed interpreters and had their picture taken in period costumes. The Hampton Roads Philharmonic Orchestra provided a harpist for background music and FMA staff members provided assistance with the reception logistics. The reception was the highest attended sponsor's reception to date and the pledges to the Fort Monroe Foundation have exceeded \$42,000 from this event. The effort from this reception, as well as the naming rights sponsors for other special events at Fort Monroe, will insure that the resources are available for the Foundation to support a full slate of public programs and other special events this year.

As a result of the success of the Music by the Bay Sponsors reception, the FMA house will once again be the location for sponsors to receive private VIP receptions prior to special events at Fort Monroe. As we learn more about the opportunities presented by the new office building, the historic post office may also become a site that benefits FMF sponsors.

Give Local Campaign

The FMF participated in the Peninsula Community Foundation's Give Local 757 campaign on May 5 and 6. The FMF benefited by connecting with new donors and received over \$2,000 in donations from this effort.

Virginia Symphony Concert at Fort Monroe

The Fort Monroe Foundation Executive Director and the Virginia Symphony are in discussions regarding the annual Labor Day Concert at Fort Monroe. At this time, the Symphony and the FMF are seeking a sponsor for this concert. In the event a sponsor cannot be found for this year's concert, this year's concert will be cancelled.

Fundraising Dinner

The Foundation is planning to host a fundraising dinner on October 17, 2015 to commemorate the 191st anniversary of Marquis de Lafayette's visit to Fort Monroe. The fundraiser will be a 5-course reenactment dinner with Lafayette being portrayed by Mark Schneider of Colonial Williamsburg. Further details regarding the dinner will be released in the coming months. A save the date card is attached to this report.

Foundation Board Membership

The May 7, 2015 Board meeting was cancelled. Significant effort will be focused in coming months on the recruitment of new Board members to join the Fort Monroe Foundation.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Fort Monroe Foundation is Thursday September 3. The first order of business for this meeting will be the election of officers, the approval of the 2015 budget, and discussion of FMF projects.

Additionally, the FMF Board will be asked to participate in strategizing ideas and opportunities for the FMF to become more involved in the future of Fort Monroe.