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Advancing the mission of Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site

Annual Report and Financial Statement
January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009

President's Report

As I complete my final year as President of Friends of Fairsted, it is my pleasure to write to you about the 2009 achievements of this young organization. We have accomplished much as we look forward to the re-opening of Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, scheduled for 2011.

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- Generous contributions continue to support the Good Neighbors education program. A week-long summer workshop, funded in part by Friends of Fairsted, provided an in-depth orientation to the third-grade curriculum for teachers and librarians from Brookline and Boston public schools. A highlight of the experience for students and their teachers is the park design activity that brings the link between community and landscape vividly to life. Friends of Fairsted is proud to be part of this innovative and inspiring education program.
- We continue to work closely with the site as it undertakes a long range planning process that will shape its activities for the next decades. As part of this process, we participated in an open house and an important public meeting to gather ideas that will influence the site's final plans.
- We presented Professor Keith Morgan discussing his research into the Olmsted firm's influence on the development of Brookline from 1880 to 1936. His lecture, "Neighbors and Networks," attracted a standing room only audience that was fascinated to learn that Brookline is home to more than 300 Olmsted firm design projects.
- We gave a "hard hat" party in the spring that allowed neighbors and Friends a sneak preview of the site during rehabilitation. Historic architect David Bittermann described the complex work that has been done to upgrade the infrastructure and systems at Fairsted. Guests were able to visit the rehabilitated barn and explore the landscape.
- We co-sponsored a concert by the Boston Landmarks Orchestra premiering a new composition by Thomas Oboe Lee telling the story of Frederick Law Olmsted.

We have achieved a great deal and look forward to another productive year under the capable and energetic leadership of Lauren Meier, the newly elected President of Friends of Fairsted.

Sincerely,

Caroline Loughlin

Financial Statement

Opening Balance	\$25,432.17
Total Revenue	\$22,930.00
Total Expenditures	(\$10,384.28)
Net Revenue	\$12,545.72
Closing Balance	\$37,977.89

Expenditures

