

BACKGROUND AND FACTS OF THE BOYLSTON HOUSE

The following historical information and facts about our Psi State Headquarters Building were compiled and presented by Psi State Executive Secretary, Annie Frances Flanagan.

1. Miss Boylston spoke to Annie Frances many times in the year 1960-64 about her wish for Psi State to have a Headquarters Building and that she was considering leaving her house to Psi State for that purpose.
2. In 1965 Miss Boylston showed Annie Frances her will which stated that she was leaving the house, all its furnishings and some money to Psi State for a Headquarters Building. Miss Boylston asked that this bequest not be made public at that time.
3. Miss Boylston suggested that Psi State start a Building Fund for the upkeep of the house in case she did not have sufficient funds to leave Psi State for this purpose
4. Annie Frances recommended to the Psi State Convention meeting in Albany, Georgia in 1966 that a Building Fund be started. In compliance with Miss Boylston's request, she did not reveal the proposed gift of the Boylston House to Psi State.
5. The recommendation was approved by the Convention. The Building Fund was started that day by a gift of \$12.00 in honor of the Founders. That gift was made by a member from Columbus.
6. To raise money for the Building Fund, Miss Boylston had printed 1000 copies of a book she had written, *Atlanta: its lore, legends and laughter*. She gave the books to Psi State to sell @ \$5.00 each. All proceeds from the sale of the book went to the Building Fund.

7. Miss Boylston allowed Psi State to use the copyright to have a second printing of the book. 1000 copies were printed and the net profit went to the Building Fund.
8. The purpose of establishing a Building Fund was to provide funds for renovation and maintenance of the Boylston House.
9. Miss Boylston died in 1984. Josephine Hicks, who was State President at that time, was notified of the bequest to Psi State.
10. On the advice of Miss Boylston's Estate, Mr. William L. Bost was retained to represent Psi State in the settlement of the estate.
11. Psi State received the deeds to the Boylston House in March, 1987. A check for \$100,000.00 was sent to the State Treasurer.
12. A contract was made with Joel Afman, the resident caretaker, to continue living in the house rent free.
13. Extensive repairs to the house were necessary. Those made included painting, inside and out; plumbing; electrical repair; new cabinets and floor covering in the kitchen; and more.
14. An Open House and Reception honoring President Janie Smallwood was held at the house on June 27, 1987,
15. Boylston House continues to enjoy a resident caretaker. Mr. Afman moved in 1991, Paul Austin succeeded him, and currently John Gentry is in residence.
16. The affairs of the House are managed by an Administrative Board, consisting of 11 members who are appointed by the State President. The State President, State Executive Secretary and State Treasurer are automatically members of the Board. There is one representative from each of the six districts, an on-site chairman, and a Chairman of the Administrative Board.
17. Boylston House operates from its own budget and does not receive any money from the state budget.