

Asbury Park Historical Society, Monthly Meeting

Headquarters: Stephen Crane House

Minutes: October 15, 2020

Trustees in attendance:

Eileen Chapman, Tom Chesek, Kay Harris, Jim Henry, Susan Rosenberg, Andy Skokos, Susan Skokos, Dolly Sternesky

Trustees absent: Teddy Chomko, Mary Damato, Jennifer Schulman

President Kay Harris called the meeting to order: 6:30 P.M.

President Kay Harris's Report:

VFW Building

The **A.P.H.S.** has been reaching out to the developer of the VFW building, attempting to save it from demolition and create a viable use, win-win for both the city and owner. Eileen suggested calling **Beth Woolley** who has experience with preservation.

Future Meetings

At Nov. meeting, we will determine whether the January Re-Org meeting will be virtual, in-person or neither. Susan R. suggested Rick Geffken as a possible speaker, i.e., slavery in N.J. (newly-published book: *Stories of Slavery in N.J.*)

Nov., Dec. meetings might be virtual.

FINANCIAL: Andy Skokos, Treasurer

A.P.H.S. checking:	\$ 3,042.11
Gaming:	\$ 544.00
Stephen Crane House checking:	\$ 8,306.80
Money Market:	\$47,739.76
GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 59, 632.67

LEGAL: Jim Henry, Vice President

Based on September's discussion regarding the selection of trustees and committee members, Jim suggested that we review the bylaws and address the issue of transitioning a trustee from the board to an advisory committee and vice versa.

Kay asked that the current bylaws be re-sent to all members for an overall review and recommended updates.

A bylaws committee will be selected to consider revisions and updates as warranted.

MEMBERSHIP: Susan Skokos

Susan reported a grand total of 80 members (7 new, including 2 new patrons)

MEDIA COMM./SOCIAL MEDIA TECH.: Jennifer Schulman

1. The A.P.H.S. Web site is accommodating **calendar sales**
2. Digital **welcome notes** are being sent to new sign-ups
3. E-mails are being sent to members.
4. Social media **followers: 3, 683** (Facebook: 1,857; Instagram: 1,240; Twitter: 586)

GRANTS: Jim Henry, Vice President & Dolly Sternesky

Stephen Crane House:

In compliance with our recent preservation grant, the **lecture room ceiling** work is almost completed (deadline Nov. 1st as per Pew Grant)

As for the driveway, about 20' has been replaced with concrete. It will take more funds to be able to extend it toward the rear.

Jim urged that A.P.H.S. begin an **oral history program**. Eileen is working with the emerging A.P. Museum which already has such a program.

Kay indicated that APTV is currently working with a few organizations on such a project. It was agreed that to avoid redundancy, Eileen could represent both the A.P. Historical Society and the A.P. Museum on oral histories. The Museum will be incorporating oral histories within its digital exhibits. The Historical Society may be able to include oral histories within some of its programs for 2021.

Various upgrades to the working kitchen are being considered.

Tom applied for a small grant to the John Oliver Museum. In exchange for \$10,000 if selected, A.P.H.S. will exhibit John Oliver's art work.

PROGRAMMING: Tom Chesek

1. Regarding Tom's **12-month calendar, "Asbury Park, 1871-2021,"** he stated that the trustees should partake in the sales along with designated businesses.
2. Tom is working with Jennifer on a **"Tell Your Asbury Park Story"** and encouraged the trustees to write/share an Asbury Park story to kickstart this project.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

**Respectfully submitted,
Susan Rosenberg, board secretary**

**Next meeting will be a virtual conference call for
trustees: Wed., Dec. 2, 2020, 7:00 P.M.**