

**Asbury Park Historical Society, Monthly Meeting
Conference Call
Minutes: Saturday, February 6, 2021**

Trustees in attendance:

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

Trustees absent: Mary Damato

Guests: Piper Williams, member, Carousel Project

President Kay Harris called the meeting to order: 10:07 A.M.

Minutes of November/December 2020 - approved

President Kay Harris's Report:

- **Piper Williams, Carousel Project**

= Piper Williams approached the A.P.H.S., December 2020, asking whether it would like to work in conjunction with his recently incorporated Carousel company to return the original Palace carousel (and over time, the original carousel horses) back to the community. This potential project was announced at the January meeting. Piper shared details with the trustees. It was suggested that additional questions go to Kay and be forwarded to Piper.

- Further discussion will be forthcoming.

- **Stephen Crane House Video**

The video, used for the January meeting, was uploaded to the A.P.H.S. Website, Feb., following additional updates and editing where it will remain along with the "Donate" button.

- **Asbury Park's 150th Anniversary**

= Banners and historic postcard and old photo placards to be placed around the Business District and Boardwalk.

= Don Stine has researched the enlarged postcard project and suggested that we reach out to local businesses to help sponsor individual enlargements

= Open to more ideas. A.P.H.S. needs to identify A.P.H.S. members who will serve on committees.

- **Asbury Park Museum:**

- The date for moving into a brick-and-mortar location has not yet be determined, due to the continued impact of COVID.

- Website to be launched imminently; Kay, Tom Chesek, Eileen Chapman, Susan Rosenberg, board members of both organizations; Research prep underway for exhibit featuring the Business District

- **Rick Geffken, author of *Stories of Slavery in New Jersey***, will present a virtual program, in lieu of a meeting, Don Stine is creating a write-up for the Coaster
- Kay emphasized the importance of **engaging members** so as to retain their continued support. Committees may have access to the conference call number

STEPHEN CRANE HOUSE, Jim Henry

- looking for quality contractors
- need 1,200 bricks to complete driveway
- need to determine property lines
- other issues will be addressed by the committee

ARCHIVES: Kay Harris, President

- **It was agreed that** flat items, e.g., postcards, posters, photos be associated or assigned to the A.P.H.S.; Asbury Park artifacts will be assigned to A.P. Museum. Exceptions are Stephen Crane memorabilia and previously-acquired items under the auspices of the respective organization. Bylaws require that records of assets be identified and maintained.
- **Asbury Park Museum and. A.P.H.S.-** all items can be accessed and/or shared through a common database or spreadsheet; Eileen and Susan R. - archives committee for the museum
- Tom has begun preparing a detailed **inventory and cataloging** of artifacts at the S.C.H.

FINANCIAL: Andy Skokos, Treasurer

Below are the PNC Bank Balances as of January 31, 2021:

A.P.H.S. Checking	\$ 6,509.03
Gaming	\$ 550.00
Stephen Crane House Checking	\$ 1,518.85
Money Market	\$ 50,741.36
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 59,319.24

Expense approval process: Expenditures over \$500 require 2 signatures.

LEGAL: Jim Henry, Vice President

- **Election Results:** 16 of the 17 voters voted for all candidates: Kay Harris, Susan Rosenberg, Andy Skokos, Susan Skokos
- **Insurance:** Jim needs to compare rates: Teddy and Andy will seek a broker(agent) who can compare an array of insurance carriers. First, need to assess what needs to be covered

MEMBERSHIP: Susan Skokos

- Susan reported 6 new benefactors @ \$250 each; 3 new patrons @ \$100
- Kay to share spreadsheet of members' interests so to get them involved
- 64 paid members; 10 brand new; 30 have yet to renew

Marketing and Communications: Jennifer Schulman

Jen will announce Rick Geffken's program on the Website.

GRANTS: Jim Henry, Vice President & Dolly Sternesky

- Jim suggested that there be 2 categories, general and specific
- It was suggested that there be consultations with historic preservation and conservation practitioners
- Kay suggested that an overall S.C.H. committee work together to determine needs and coordinate with grants committee

FUNDRAISING: Teddy Chomko and Eileen Chapman, co-chairs

- Eileen suggested that we wait until spring 2021
- Tom's calendar has brought in \$7,000

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

**Respectfully submitted,
Susan Rosenberg, Board Secretary**

Next meeting: Conference Call, March 18, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

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