

**Asbury Park Historical Society, Monthly Meeting  
Conference Call, 7:00 P.M.  
Thursday, March 18, 2021**

**MINUTES**

**Trustees present:** Eileen Chapman, Tom Chesek, Kay Harris, Jim Henry, Susan Rosenberg, Jennifer Schulman, Andy Skokos, Susan Skokos

**Trustees absent:** Mary Damato, Dolly Sternesky

**Members/guests present:** Piper Williams, Carousel Project; Celia Morrissette, Sesquicentennial

**President's report:**

1. **February's virtual program, "History of Slavery in New Jersey,"** presented by historian Rick Geffken, was attended by over 43 people. The recording will be added to [aphistoricalsociety.org](http://aphistoricalsociety.org) Website.
2. **The Carousel Project**, as presented at the January meeting, is ongoing.
3. **Asbury Park's 150th (Sesquicentennial) anniversary:** Celia Morrissette is coordinating a series of events, including oral histories, along with Eileen Chapman, and in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce, businesses, churches, the African-American Music Project, Asbury Park Music Foundation, A.P. Historical Society and more, culminating with a "Happy Birthday Asbury Park" cake contest, late fall. A.P.H.S. will place historic placards around town and on the boardwalk.
4. In compliance with the bylaws, "At least one member of each standing committee shall be appointed from the general membership," please reach out to new members and invite them to become part of the committees.
5. **Author Helen Chantal Pike** will launch her new book, Asbury Park: A Century of Change at the A.P. Public Library, Thurs., June 24th and on the boardwalk, Fri., June 25th. A.P.H.S. will pay half of Helen's expenses; Fortune Web Marketing, Jen Stine, half.

**Minutes:** February 2021 Minutes were approved with one correction.

**Financial: Andy Skokos, Trustee Treasurer**

APHS Checking	\$ 5,172.74
Gaming	550.00
SCH Checking	3,398.56
Money Market	5,0741.75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 59,863.05</b>

**Membership: Susan Skokos, Trustee**

Total membership to date: **73**

Names of (new) members who express interest in respective committees are being shared with committee chairs.

**S.C.H. programs and activities: Tom Chesek, Trustee**

1. On Sunday, **April 25th**, there will be a **25th anniversary celebration** of the Tom and Regina Hayes's opening of the Stephen Crane House as a museum and cultural center (actual date, April 26, 1996). Festivities will be relayed via Zoom; limited, select attendance due to the pandemic.
2. Tom has been fielding historical questions from the public.
3. Nov. 1, 2021 marks the 150th anniversary of Stephen Crane's birth. Badenweiler,

Germany is planning a big celebration; there will be one here, too.

**Newsletter: Tom Chesek and Susan Rosenberg, Trustees**

The spring/summer 2021 issue will be produced and mailed April 2021.

**Marketing and Communications: Jennifer Rae Stein; Tom Chesek, Trustees**

**Stephen Crane House Rehabilitation: Jim Henry, Trustee**

Work in the Lecture Room was completed.

Bathroom repairs are scheduled.

**Archives: Kay Harris, Trustee President; Tom Chesek, Trustee**

Tom has catalogued an extensive inventory of archival materials at the S.C.H., including postcards, donated historical artifacts, clippings and more. Eventually, flat, paper items will remain housed at the S.C. H.; artifacts will be donated to the newly-emerging A.P. Museum.

**Legal, Jim Henry: Trustee Vice President**

Proposal to modify the bylaws regarding trustee emeritus status was approved.

**Grants, Resources and Government Relations: Jim Henry, Trustee Vice-President**

No report

**Fundraising/Special Events: Teddy Chomko, Eileen Chapman, Dolly Sternesky, Trustees**

Due to the pandemic:

NYC City Lights/Holiday Bus trip (Dec.) - on hold

The Ray Sternesky Art on the Boardwalk (Aug.) - on hold

**Outreach: Susan Rosenberg, Trustee Secretary**

No report

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021; VIRTUAL; 7:00 P.M.**

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