

**ASBURY PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**Monthly Meeting: Headquarters, Stephen Crane House**  
**Thursday, May 20, 2021**  
**MINUTES**

**Trustees present:** Kay Harris, Pres.; Jim Henry, V.P.; Andy Skokos, Treasurer; Susan Rosenberg, Secretary; Eileen Chapman; Tom Chesek; Susan Skokos; Dolly Sternesky  
**Trustees absent:** Teddy Chomko, Mary Damato, Jennifer Shulman Stine  
**President Harris called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M.**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

1. The emerging **Asbury Park Museum**
  - While the museum awaits its move into its permanent location in downtown Asbury Park, it has planned a pop-up exhibit, "**Asbury Park: 150 Years of Change and Transformation; A Segregated Seashore,**" for the Berkeley Oceanfront Hotel lobby, Memorial Day weekend through late fall
  - Exhibit to include 6 banners with history and photos, artifacts in display cases, a table for sale of ornaments, information, donations
2. **Oral History** project
  - Eileen and Susan S. will tap members to participate
  - Monmouth University will interview and transcribe
3. **Sesquicentennial:**
  - 6 months of events include Asbury Park historian Helen-Chantal Pike's book launch and presentation, **Asbury Park; A Century of Change**, co-sponsored by the A.P.H.S. and the A.P. Public Library, June 24th, 7:00 P.M., at the library
  - Don is working on placards for the boardwalk and business district.
  - ornaments will be sold to raise money, \$20 each
  - Eileen is co-chair with Celia Morrissette
4. The A.P.H.S. and Jennifer Stine's FortuneWebMarketing shared the cost of Helen's two-night hotel stay.

**FINANCES, Andy Skokos, Trustee Treasurer**

Bank balances as of April 30, 2021:

APHS Checking	\$ 5,112.11	SCH Checking	\$ 2,563.02
Gaming	\$ 550.00	Money Market	\$ 50,742.62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 58,967.75</b>		

- **Condo Association fees:** upkeep of property, i.e., removal of snow and leaves, is paid by: A.P.H.S. (Jim, Andy) and David Singh, new owner of the carriage house on property.  
A.P.H.S. **estimated annual expenses:** \$12,000

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MEMBERSHIP, Susan Skokos, Trustee Chair**

- **81** paid-up members
- committee to fine-tune when to send renewal-reminder letters
- already in place: anyone who joins from September or later will be in good standing through December of the following year

**ARCHIVES: Kay Harris, Tom Chesek, Trustees**

- PastPerfect Software program for cataloging and sharing of donated and purchased artifacts, documents and postcards is being reviewed and considered.

**MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY: Jennifer Stine, Trustee**

Jennifer will be identifying A.P.H.S. members for her website committee along with at least one other board member to oversee website updates as they occur.

**STEPHEN CRANE HOUSE (S.C.H.): Jim Henry, Trustee**

- 6 Windows cost \$300 to be scraped, glazed, and painted
- Discussion of how best to light staging area of Lecture Room during the day
- Susan S. and Dolly volunteered to get ideas and estimates for dressing the 6 windows, inside the Lecture Room, late 19th century (replacing old Venetian blinds)
- Considerations: need for a raised projector; update curb appeal; asbestos shingles removal; railings; foyer displays; porch lights and more

**Standing Committee;**

- prioritize possible projects
- plan a blind/shade to darken room for events; light by day
- should projector be mounted
- chairs; keep or replace with padded, folding versions
- reports to include item cost(s) and contact(s)

**S.C.H. PROGRAMMIG: Tom Chesek, Trustee**

- Note: Best time for events is Sunday afternoons
- Up-coming: **November**, Actor Marjorie Kahn will portray Cora Crane, Stephen's common-law wife: A Monmouth County Arts Council grant (\$500) is available; Jim gave Tom the go-ahead to pursue this
- Note: **Policy** states that outsiders who want to use the S.C.H. facilities, e.g., for filming, are required to make a **donation**
- A.P.H.S. will collaborate with English professors of **Monmouth University**, a partnership, in filming literary presentations whereby students earn credit

**NEWSLETTER: Tom Chesek, writer/graphic designer; Susan Rosenberg, Overseer**

Susan R. reported that 60 newsletters were mailed out

**FUNDRAISING: Teddy Chomko and Eileen Chapman, Trustee Co-Chairs**

- The Ray Sternesky "Art on the Boardwalk" - Aug. 15th, 2021; \$100 fee per artist; awaiting city approval
- The annual Art on the Boardwalk has been renamed in memory of its founder and long-time participant, watercolorist Ray Sternesky
- N.Y. City Lights Tour is on hold with the possibility of resuming in December 2021

**Meeting adjourned: 9:00 P.M. Next meeting: Thursday, June 17th**  
***Prepared by Trustee Secretary, Susan Rosenberg***

