

ASBURY PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Monthly Meeting: Headquarters, Stephen Crane House
MINUTES: Thursday, November 18, 2021

President Kay Harris called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

Trustees present:; Tom Chesek; Teddy Chomko; Kay Harris, president; Jim Henry, vice-president; Susan Rosenberg, secretary; Andy Skokos, treasurer; Susan Skokos

Trustees absent: Eileen Chapman; Mary Damato; Dolly Sternesky; Jen Stine

President's Report: Kay Harris

A.P.H.S.: News:

- **Dec. 3:** book release (11/24/2021) and signing: Daniel Wolff's ***Fourth of July Asbury Park; A History of the Promised Land*** - revised, expanded and conversation between Daniel Wolff and Dr. Walter Greason about race/racial gap and class/wealth gap; Asbury Hotel
- Archives: receipt of 1921 Baby Parade cup
- Dec. 11: January Re-Org meeting to be rescheduled; breakfast planning meeting scheduled at the Skokos house
- December meeting/festivities - to be determined

A.P. Museum Activities:

- **Nov. 4:** Multimedia presentation, book signing and launch party: ***You Don't Know Me; the Musical Memoir of Stormin' Norman Seldin***, by Norman Seldin and Charlie Horner
- **Nov. 14:** A cast of speakers will enact dialog of founder James A. Bradley, activist James F. Robinson and others, in a mixed media production, "A Segregated Seashore" that underscores the discrimination and restrictions that ravaged the African-American community of Asbury Park. This production is in conjunction with the exhibit now at the Berkeley, "Asbury Park: 150 Years of Change and Transformation; A Segregated Seashore," through Nov.
- **Dec. 9:** Reception for new exhibit, "One Voice is Not Enough," Berkeley Oceanfront

Sesquicentennial Celebration:

Dec. 19: Time Capsule burial, 2:00P.M., Stephen Crane House; champagne toast to A.P.'s next 50 years and Sesquicentennial birthday cake to follow ceremony. Contents focus on Asbury Park's 2019 - 2021 years

Anniversary Ornaments: As of 10/20, 235 of 250 had been sold. A new shipment of 250 arrived (Andy paid the invoice) and are ready for online sales. As of Nov. 8, the APHS Website gives directions for purchase pick-up and delivery.

Minutes: Susan Rosenberg, Secretary

September and October Minutes - approved

Membership: Susan Skokos

105 members

18 paid members will be carried through 2022

Members' stated interests and backgrounds will be shared with the Trustees

Treasurer's Report: Andy Skokos, Treasurer

PNC Bank Balances as of Oct. 31, 2021:

AP Checking	\$ 2,877.37
Gaming	550.00
S.C. H. Checking	3,496.68
Money Market	45,745.13
Grand Total	\$ 52,669.18

Note: Gaming License is good through March 2024

Stephen Crane House: Jim Henry

Jim will follow up on the Newark Museum's **mantle donation**.

Note: the original 5' X 5 1/2" marble mantle is from Stephen Crane's original home in Newark.

Teddy will put up Christmas decorations.

Heating system: Jim and Werner have been working on the problematic heating system: boiler is old; backs up; replacement anticipated. The furnace, water lines, pipes, steam relief valves are being attended to. The thermostat has been set to provide a constant temperature throughout the house.

Event Room: room-darkening shades installed.

Crane House Donations: Jim Henry

Diane Black has donated a substantial amount of Victorian furnishings:

lighting fixtures; framed prints; 2 cast iron beds, oak dressers with mirrors, mirrors; lace curtains

Fundraising: Teddy Chomko, Eileen Chapman

Two buses will be used for the City Lights Bus Tour, Sun., Dec. 5, 2021:

Cost \$125; 86 people to date; 50/50. Trip includes Bryant Park Bazaar,

3-course lunch in Little Italy, 2-hour professionally guided tour that includes Greenwich Village, 5th/6th Ave.

window displays, St. Patrick's Cathedral PLUS free time at Rockefeller Center

Archives: Kay Harris, Tom Chesek

- Tom will be scanning old photos for digitized access.
- impending software program decision: who will enter data; what to keep
- Need a student to review Uriah White's papers

Newsletter: Tom Chesek, Susan Rosenberg

Scheduled distribution: December 2021

Outreach: Susan Rosenberg

An A.P.H.S. table to be at A.P. Museum events

Stephen Crane House Programming: Tom Chesek

Nov. 7: "Cora & Stevie," written by and starring Marjorie Conn; funded by grants from Monmouth Arts and a matching grant; \$10 admission

Note: Nov. 1, 2021 marks Stephen Crane's 150th birthday. This play and the city's official proclamation commemorating Nov. 1 as Stephen Crane Day honors this benchmark.

- Stephen Crane video being developed by Asbury Park TV; planned for presentation to school classes, organizations and tour groups
- partnering with Musicians on a Mission which gives a donation in exchange for storage and use of Event Room

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rosenberg, Secretary