

Asbury Park Historical Society - Monthly Meeting
Headquarters: Stephen Crane House
508 Fourth Avenue
Thursday, April 20, 2023

Board Members in Attendance: Kay Harris, Pres.; Jim Henry, V.P.; Andy Skokos, Treasurer; Susan Rosenberg, Secretary; Tom Chesek; Teddy Chomko; Jen Schulman; Susan Skokos; Dolly Sternesky

Board Members Absent: Eileen Chapman

Vice President Jim Henry called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

Minutes: March Minutes were approved with corrections.

Finances: Andy Skokos, Treasurer

PNC Bank Balances as of March 31, 2023

A.P.H.S. Checking	\$ 4,932.61
S.C.H. Checking	728.85
Money Market	50,251.78
Gaming	550.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 56,463.24

Technology/Social Media/ Website: Jen Schulman

Jen has suggested several new technologies:

VoIP (Voice over IP) service for APHS has been obtained. The current number will continue until the new number is hooked up and operational.

Archival software program CatalogIt

Laptop: HP, 15.6", \$600 - \$1,000

Flatbed scanner: \$300

Printer: \$250

Flat screen TV: 50" X 60" monitor/ Apple TV

Motion carried to purchase laptop, printer/scanner, phone

Web site: Tiasia Newman, guest contributor, will write and produce a video blog of gospel history.

Stephen Crane House: Jim Henry

New heating system to cost around \$5,000

Membership: Susan Skokos

105 members

Membership brings in approximately \$5,000.

A meeting with 6 dynamic members was held on April 4 to discuss possible initiatives.

Teddy plans to have a Zoom and in-person fundraising meeting to get new ideas.

Jim agreed to meet with those with grants expertise.

Asbury Park Historic Preservation

See March minutes.

Jim explained that there are 4 zones...

Fundraising: Teddy Chomko

Awards Dinner: Plans are in progress. Criteria have yet to be determined.

To be held, possibly, Oct. 6th or 13th.

Annual "Art on the Boardwalk:" August 20, 2023

Annual "N.Y. City Lights" bus tour: December 3, 2023

Fundraising Merchandise: Kay Harris

A new Stone Pony ornament will be for sale.

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A Stone Pony bronze ornament will be created and offered for sale.

Outreach: Susan Rosenberg

Susan R. has identified three **speakers** for, possibly, the fall:

Gary Edelson - Electric Trolley

Sean McHugh - senior archaeologist/Monmouth University

Joe Grill - City water history, then and now

Weekend in Old Monmouth - The S.C.H. will be one of 50 historical sites on one of four routes, sponsored by the Monmouth County Historical Commission, Sat., May 6, 10-5; Sun., May 7, 12-5. Tom and Susan R. will be on hand to provide tours.

S.C.H. Programming: Tom Chesek

A group from Words Book Cooperative brought a capacity crowd into the Asbury Book Cooperative Reading ***Red badge of Courage.***

Tom has applied for and received a grant to produce "**Readings from Asbury Park:**

Voices from Our City, Then and Now; " part of the North 2 Shore Festival coordinated by the N.J. Performing Arts Center; scheduled for June 14, 2023, 7 - 9; tickets \$15.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19.

Prepared by Susan Rosenberg, Secretary