

**Asbury Park Historical Society**  
**Headquarters: Stephen Crane House**  
**508 Fourth Avenue, Asbury Park 07712**  
**Monthly Meeting: November16, 2023 (3rd Thurs.)**

President Kay Harris called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

**Trustees Present:** Eileen Chapman; Kay Harris, Susan Rosenberg, Andy Skokos, Susan Skokos, Don Stine

**Trustees Absent:** Teddy Chomko, Dolly Sternesky, Jen Stine

**Minutes: Susan Rosenberg**

Eileen proposed that the October Minutes be approved. Unanimous.

**Treasurer's Report: Andy Skokos**

A.P.H.S. Checking.	\$ 5,156.11
S.C.H. Checking.	\$ 2,796.45
Money Market.	\$ 40,518.65
Gaming	\$ 550.00
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$ 49,021.21</b>

This \$10,000 lesser amount reflects expenditures for an improved heating system on the 1st and 2nd floors and metal flashing around the chimney.

**Membership: Susan Skokos**

There are 116 paid-up members.

**Fundraising: Teddy Chomko, Eileen Chapman, Dolly Sternesky**

The annual N.Y.C. Holiday Tour, co-sponsored by the Asbury Park and Ocean Grove Historical Societies, is scheduled for Sun., Dec. 3 at a cost of \$160.00. Full details are on the A.P.H.S. website. As of today, more people are needed to sign up to ensure that the tour will take place.

### **Outreach: Susan Rosenberg**

On Saturday, Oct. 28, Kay and Susan R. represented A.P.H.S. with a display of Asbury Park historical books and merchandise. One book was sold for \$20.00

Much was learned from mingling with and learning from the respective Monmouth County historical societies and museums, from the key note speaker to the exhibit and accompanying book *Industries in Monmouth County*.

### **Fundraising Merchandise: Andy Skokos, Kay Harris**

**Andy** reported that Stone Pony, Carousel and Convention Hall bronze ornaments are being sold online through the Fun House and A.P.H.S.

**Kay** announced that the bronze ornaments of the Stone Pony, Carousel and Convention Hall will be sold at the Holiday Bazaar in the Convention Hall Arcade every weekend, beginning Fri., Nov. 24, through Christmas.

Hand-painted ornaments will be sold on behalf of the A.P.M. Volunteers are welcome. **Lucera Ruiz, A.P. Museum Youth Committee member will be volunteering.**

### **Docent Tours: Susan Rosenberg**

People from various states, countries as well as N.J. continue to seek out the Stephen Crane House for its association with the internationally acclaimed author, journalist, poet, and writer whose career began in A.P.

Since the last meeting, Oct.19, 8 people have toured the house/home, including the new president of the Ocean Grove Historical Society, Art James and wife, Candy.

In October, 18 people came through; 2 by appointment (Mon., Wed.).

Tour information includes history of the house, Asbury Park, the Crane family, Stephen, Mary Helen Peck Crane and **Methodism.**

### **Communications**

Until we get the go-ahead with the new number, we are still using 732-361-0189. Susan R. has been fielding messages.

### **Grants: Andy Skokos**

Andy has applied for **four** grants:

- 1.) **Monmouth County Historical Commission Preservation grant:**  
To weather-proof existing windows with coverings and to prevent heat loss
  
- 2.) Monmouth County Historical Commission **G.O. S. (Grant of Support)** to help keep the headquarters operational
- 3.) **North 2 Shore grant:** Frank D'Alessandro is planning "A Stephen Crane House Garden of Verses" program during the festival; 6 people to read 6 poems.
- 4.) **Asbury Park Block Grant:** to help air condition the 2nd, 3rd floors

### **Newsletter: Susan Rosenberg**

Fall/Winter edition - In progress

### **Programs: Past**

Oct. 26: The **Halloween tribute to Tom Chesek** was a resounding success. Frank D'Alessandro enacted several Poe poems, committed to memory, and showed a film, "The Premature Burial" based on Poe's story.

Nov. 2: **Book presentation, *The Church of the Holy Spirit in Asbury Park, N.J.: A History*, by John P. King.** Forty-five-plus people attended; held in the 3rd-floor Cafe, Jersey Shore Arts Center

### **Programs: Coming**

Nov. 30: "**First Peoples of the Jersey Shore,**" archaeologist Sean McHugh presents artifacts found at the "Eden Woolley Farm Native American Site" from Native American Indians to first English settlers. Asbury Park Public Library, 6:30 P.M.

Jan. 18: **Annual Members' Meeting**, A.P.P. Library, 6:30.  
Program: "**Electric Trolley in Asbury Park - A First,**" Gary Edelson and Susan Rosenberg; election of trustees; re-election of 4

**Meeting was Adjourned at 8:15**  
**Submitted by Susan Rosenberg, Secretary**

