

Asbury Park Historical Society
Monthly Meeting: March 21, 2024 (3rd Thurs.)
Headquarters: Stephen Crane House
508 Fourth Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712

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

Minutes: Susan Rosenberg, Secretary March Minutes were approved.

Trustees in Attendance: Teddy Chomko, Kay Harris, Susan Rosenberg,
Andy Skokos, Susan Skokos, Dolly Sternesky

Trustees Absent: Eileen Chapman, Don Stine, Jenny Stine

Public in Attendance: Marsha Schreir

Treasurer's Report: Andy Skokos:

P.N.C Bank balances as of March 31, 2024:

A.P.H.S. Checking: \$ 5,133.89

S.C.H. Checking: 1,604.22

Money Market: 41,176.22

Gaming: 550.00

Grand total: \$ 48, 464.63

Membership: Susan Skokos: 78 members

Membership Outreach: There will be an appeal for members at the May 16th event.

Fundraising Events: Teddy Chomko, Dolly Sternesky, Don Stine

Morro Castle: 90th Anniversary Commemoration - films, dinner, other
Committee: Teddy, Dolly, Ellen Carroll. Venue(s), prices and events are being
considered

A trip to the N.J. Maritime Museum, Beach Haven, is recommended. Kay will
make the arrangements.

Kay stated that A.P. Museum and A.P.H.S. will work together, but A.P.H.S. will
receive the -proceeds..

Art on the Boardwalk: Permits are being sought for Aug. 18.

Programming:

Thursday, May 16, 2024, "The Green Book"- (Susan Skokos and Andy Skokos)

Doors open, 6:30; 7:00 presentation; A.P. Public Library. Speaker: Jenny Shaffer,
architectural historian. Members, free; guests, \$10.00 donation. Refreshments.

Wednesday, June 12, under the organization, "**North.2.Shore,**" Frank D'Alessandro
is creating a program of poetry to be performed/read by 6 people on stage at the
Stephen Crane House; 7:00 P.M.

The above events and programs will be announced on FaceBook, the A.P.H.S. website, Google and in *The Coaster* and through e-blasts.

Outreach: Susan Rosenberg

June 7,8,9: AsburyFest - A.P.H.S.will have a table. Seeking helpers from board and members.

Tours of Asbury Park

On April 17, Don and Andy led a **group of visiting music students on a tour** of the Upstage, House of Independents, Lakehouse Academy, Stone Pony, Asbury Lanes and Wonder Bar. (2 hours)

June 6 - 9: Susan R. Is working with a travel agent to help accommodate a class of **high school senior graduates** from rural, upstate N.Y.

Dolly, Don and Teddy will work on tours.

Tours of the S.C.H: Susan R. and Frank D'Alessandro

Total tours since the March 21 meeting: 6 tours, 28 people, \$50.

Other than the scheduled Sunday hours, there was a tour on a Sat., Wed., Th., Fr. On Wed. Apr. 3rd, Nancy Noe's English class, Brookdale C.C. - 17 people

May 4, 5: Weekend in Old Monmouth. Susan R. will handle Saturday, Frank and Susan, Sunday. A PowerPoint about the Cranes and the S.C.H. will be set up.

Communications - Phone, Website, Social Media, E-blasts, Newsletter; Google

Phone Inquiries: Susan has been retrieving phone messages. Kay and Andy have been responding to email queries that include everything from researching old homes and businesses, to finding old photos and identifying who was Kingsley (22nd Methodist bishop) as well as personal S.C.H. tours.

Member Marsha Shreier expressed interest in working with the Website.

Newsletter: Susan R. identified 12 subjects to be featured in the next newsletter.

**Stephen Crane House: Headquarters of the Asbury Park Historical Society;
listed on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places**

Building upkeep: Andy, Don

Community space (kitchen, bathrooms): Dolly, Susan S., Teddy

Stove - Andy and Werner will work on it.

Need to spruce up public bathroom: air ferns (?); clear out historic bathrooms

House as museum showcase: Teddy, Susan R.

Programming and Community Space: Dolly, Susan S., Teddy

Third floor: Progress is being made in dealing with the accumulation of donations and stored items.

Archives Committee: Kay Harris, Don Stine, Eileen Chapman, Owen Flanagan

The committee visited the archive facilities of the Ocean Grove Historical Society.

The former office of the S.C.H. will be set up with archival, metal shelving and will temporarily serve as an office and archives.

Eileen provided **archival envelopes and boxes.**

There will be no formal meeting in May. Instead, the A.P.H.S. will be hosting the presentation of "The Green Book," Asbury Park Public Library, 1st Ave./Grand Ave.; 7:00 P.M. Doors open at 6:30 P.M.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

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Minutes submitted by Susan Rosenberg

