

**Asbury Park Historical Society
Monthly Meeting: Headquarters
Stephen Crane House
508 4th Avenue, Asbury Park, N.J.
February 16, 2023**

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

Trustees Present: Tom Chesek, Eileen Chapman, Teddy Chomko, Kay Harris, Susan Rosenberg, Jen Schulman (via phone), Andy Skokos, Susan Skokos

Trustees Absent: Teddy Chomko, Jim Henry

Approval of Minutes: No Minutes

Treasurer's Report: Andy Skokos

Asbury Park Historical Society Checking:	\$10,510.52
Stephen Crane House Checking:	1,164.54
Money Market:	50,250.97
Gaming:	550.54
Grand total:	\$ 62,476.05

Membership: Susan Skokos

90 members

Intends to include list of members with the next newsletter.

Susan S. Passed out spreadsheets with members' interests.

Goals: to vet interested members for possible board position(s); to get interested members active

Website/Social Media: Jennifer Schulman

Need to update Website with current meeting information and board members.

Offers to market "last remaining calendars," if agreed.

Offers to engage an intern for marketing, writing, or digitization.

Crane House: Jim Henry

Jim hired a cleaning service that did a thorough job. Cost: \$300.

Periodic cleaning needs to be done on a regular basis going forward.

Jim has identified the faucets and plumbing fixtures on the 2nd floor as in need of repair. And damaged ceiling tiles need to be matched or replaced. Jim is looking into these issues.

Dolly Sternesky has donated two flat files for storage of maps, large flat documents and other archival material.

Tom reports that the Library of Congress has identified the Stephen Crane House as a Literary Landmark.

Susan R. has volunteered to look into a plaque that designates the Stephen Crane House on the State and National Registers of Historic Places (conferred in 2016)

Jim wants a new computer and projector for the S.C.H.

Crane House Programming: Tom Chesek

Dec.: The Traveling Literary Theatre Company performed "A Christmas Carol" for the Kiwanis Club Toy Drive.

Jan.: Participated in the Light of Day Winterfest '23 with James Dalton's one-man show "Asbury Park and Me."

Dec.: Deputy Mayor Amy Quinn and co-host John Walsh created an episode for the A.P.Pod podcast: Tom Chesek discussed the Crane House and other topics. Also recorded, an episode with Ellen Carroll, *The Coaster*.

Feb. 26: A.P. African-American Music Project celebrated Black History Month showing 3 videos, i.e., history of Springwood Ave., Turf Club and performances. West side musician Al Holmes performed live.

Feb. 27: A.P. Book Cooperative met to discuss *Red Badge of Courage*.

Mar. 10: A video crew from Seniors Activity Network will meet to record the Crane House as a place of interest in A.P.

Mar. 26: For Women's History Month, Dr. Stanley Blair, Mon. Un., will deliver a presentation about 19th Century Margaret Widdemer, award-winning author and poet, an A.P. native.

- Tom is seeking and intern to assist with his digitization project.

- Tom is working with APTV to create a video based on Frank D'Alessandro's knowledge about the Cranes and the house.

Jim suggests that there be Asbury Park history programs offered on weekends.

Grants: Jim Henry

A.P.H.S. has received the \$2,500 matching grant for the refurbishing of the Community (Cultural) Room/Lecture Hall/

Media Room..

Fundraising: Teddy Chomko

Teddy is proceeding with the annual Asbury Park Art on the Boardwalk Event, N.Y.C. Christmas Lights Bus Tours, and an Awards Dinner.

Fundraising, Merchandise

Tom reports to have broken even with music calendar sales.
Andy reports that the ornaments have broken even as we

Deed Research Initiative: Susan Rosenberg

Roger Champagne will establish a workshop date for those interested.

Outreach: Susan Rosenberg

Weekend in Old Monmouth: Tom Chesek has created a slide show about the Cranes and the House; a continuous-loop presentation for visitors on May 6,7.
(Available to board members with flash drives)

Public Inquiries: Tom Chesek

Tom has shared inquiries to the ASHS from 2021 to present. One request is for the placement of an intern from local school. Involving interns can boost the opportunity for grants.

Digitization Project: Tom Chesek

Tom has identified old historic photographs that need to be digitized. A large flatbed scanner is needed.

Oral Histories: Eileen Chapman

Eileen has established that APTV would film oral histories.

Public Engagement (7:30...)

Laurie McGugh wants to volunteer.
Don Stine has a request from the McGowan School for a tour of Asbury Park's music venues.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 P.M.

Prepared by Susan Rosenberg, Secretary

