

Asbury Park Historical Society
Monthly Meeting: Feb. 15, 2024 (3rd Thurs.)
Headquarters: Stephen Crane House
508 Fourth Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712

President Kay Harris called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Trustees Present: Kay Harris, Pres.; Andy Skokos, Treas.; Susan Rosenberg, Sec't.; Teddy Chomko; Susan Skokos; Don Stine

Trustees Absent: Eileen Chapman, Dolly Sternesky, Jen Stine

Minutes: No formal meetings in December 2023, January 2024

Treasurer's Report: Andy Skokos

A.P.H.S. Checking	\$ 7,281.07
S.C.H. Checking	1,683.96
Money Market.	40,920.98
Gaming	550.00
Grand Total:	\$ 50,436.01

Membership: Susan Skokos

Total: 73 (10 less than in 2023)

Susan S. will make copies for the board.

Website/ FaceBook (Social Media)

Andy will speak with Jen about updating the A.P.H.S. website.

We would like access to updating FaceBook; seeking new members

Grants: Andy Skokos

A.P.H.S. will receive \$1,900 from Monmouth County Historical Commission for operating support

Andy has applied for a preservation matching grant to help pay for 46 window covers, approximately \$9,890

A.P.H.S. has received a \$2,300 grant for participating in the North 2 Shore festival. This covers costs for 6 actors, printing, marketing, refreshments, church parking. Frank D'Alessandro is in charge of the program.

Andy has applied for a Community Development Block Grant (C.D.B.G.) to help pay for air conditioning on the 2nd floor.

Fundraising Merchandise

A brass ornament featuring the Wonder Bar with Tillie is being ordered.

Fundraising Events: Teddy Chomko

- **Fine Art and Crafts on the Boardwalk** - 2023 was the largest ever. August 18, 2024, permits permitting.

Asbury Park Rainbow Walk Project: Teddy Chomko

Teddy is representing the A.P.H.S. on this committee. One goal is to place LGBTQ plaques on sidewalks in front of said businesses.

Stephen Crane House: Restoration and Room Plans

Don wants to contract with **Gerry Goodrich to plaster** the office space on the 2nd floor. Unanimous agreement.

Don and Susan R. will plan the office set-up.

In preparation for archival storage space, **attic items** will continue to be identified, **relocated, donated, or properly stored.**

Susan R. And Teddy will make layout recommendations.

Up-Coming Events:

Morro Castle Shipwreck - 90th anniversary: Sept. 8, 2024

Celebration will be in conjunction with the New Jersey Maritime Museum, Beach Haven. They have a Morro Castle Room; the ship's artifacts are on display. Multi-media presentations and talks will be planned.

Proposed Committee: Teddy Chomko, Don Stine, Dolly Sternesky, Celia Morrissette, Ellen Carroll, Meghan Carroll, Sonia

Electric Trolley: Susan R. and Gary Edelson will reschedule for the fall.

Newsletter: Susan Rosenberg, Editor

Susan produced the first newsletter since Tom Chesek's death, July 4, 2023. In January, over 100 were mailed, both to members and courtesy designees. Subsequent editions will be mailed in April and August.

Docent-led Tours of the S.C.H.: Susan Rosenberg, Frank D'Alessandro

- Tours are scheduled on Sundays, 12 - 2 and by appointment
Between 12/21 - 2/4: 7 people, West Chester, NY; Atlantic Highlands, etc.

Meeting Adjournment: 9:00 P.M.

