

**Asbury Park Historical Society**  
**Monthly Meeting: June 20, 2024**  
**Headquarters: Stephen Crane House**  
**508 4th Ave., Asbury Park**  
**MINUTES**

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

**Trustees present:** Teddy Chomko, Kay Harris, Susan Rosenberg, Andy Skokos,  
Susan Skokos

**Trustees absent:** Eileen Chapman, Dolly Sternesky, Don Stine, Jen Stine

**Member:** Marsha Schreier

**Treasurer's Report: Andy Skokos**

PNC Bank balances as of May 31, 2024:

Money Market -	\$ 37,449.74
A.P.H.S. checking -	7,398.09
S.C.H. checking -	1,161.80
Gaming -	550.00

**TOTAL: \$46,559.63**

Andy said he would bring a spreadsheet to the next meeting.

**Minutes: Susan Rosenberg**

April Minutes were approved. There was no meeting in May.

**Membership: Susan Skokos**

There are 86 members.

Susan S. handed out members' interests to appropriate chairs.

**Fundraising: Teddy Chomko, Dolly Sternesky, Don Stine, Ellen Carroll**

The annual **Art on the Boardwalk** is planned for August 18:

So far, 13 fine artists/craftsmen have paid for spaces.

Each space costs \$100 for 10' X 10'.

Commemoration of the **Morro Castle's-90th anniversary- Fundraiser**

Teddy is in the process of considering the venue, music, prices, format.

The Morro Castle anchor, raised from the water in Point Pleasant Beach,  
will remain there, but there is a video of its immersion from the water.

Committee members include Ellen Carroll, Dolly Sternesky, Don Stine.

Members of both the A.P. Museum and A.P.H.S will visit the N.J. Maritime  
Museum, Beach Haven, and president Deborah Whitcraft on Tues., 7/9

## **Programming**

**May 16:** The history of “The [Negro Motorist] Green Book” was presented by Jenny Shaffer, researcher. Jenny is part of a team that is identifying sites where African Americans were allowed to stay.

Venue: Asbury Park Public Library

**June 12:** “Crane House Garden of Verses” sponsored by a North2Shore grant **(Andy Skokos)** Speakers included **Maureen Nevin**, award-winning journalist and author; **Curtis Walker** artist, poet and photographer; **Claire Garland**, historian with a passion for poetry and local Native American genealogy; **Lorraine Stone**, renowned storyteller, poet and actress; **Kerry Margaret Butch**, local activist, public policy worker and journalist; **Eric Revilla**; poet, record collector and frequent guest at The Stephen Crane House; **Frank D’Alessandro**, former proprietor of the Stephen Crane House and a writer of two volumes of essays and poetry.

## **Outreach and House Tours: Susan Rosenberg and Frank D’Alessandro**

**Weekend in Old Monmouth:** 28 guests

Sat., May 6 (Susan R.): 18 people, 9 tours, \$10

Sun., May 7 (Frank and Susan R.): 10 people, 3 tours, \$12

**AsburyFest:** three books were sold

**House Tours:** Weekend in Old Monmouth: Sat., 5/4 =18; Sun., May 5=10

May 2024 **grand total: 42 visitors**

Weekend in Old Monmouth 28

## **Grant Opportunities:**

Andy is looking into the N.J. Cultural Trust.

## **Communications: Phone, Website, Social Media, Newsletter**

**Newsletter:** Susan has it underway

**Email - Andy, Kay**

**Phone Inquiries: Susan** - donations, Art on the Boardwalk interests and tour requests

## **Standing Committees:**

Building upkeep - Andy, Don

No grant for 2nd.3rd floor air conditioning

Stephen Crane House Tours: Susan R. and Frank

House showcase/museum - Susan R. And Teddy

Programming and community space: Dolly, Susan S., Teddy

**Guest member; Marsha Schreier** has provided corrections to the Website.

Kay said she would forward to Jennifer.

**Meeting Adjournment: 8:30 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted, Susan Rosenberg**

