

MINUTES
ASBURY PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
508 FOURTH AVE., ASBURY PARK
MEETING - (3 RD) THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026

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

Board Members Present:

Kay Harris, president.; Susan Rosenberg, sect.; Andy Skokos, treas.;
Susan Skokos; Dolly Sternesky

Members and Guests: 7

Kris Ohleth, member; S.O.S.; Kristin O'Meara, S.O.S.; Dave Henry, S.O.S.;
Celia Morrissette, former APHS board member, S.O.S.; Nina Bolestriete;
Frank Cucinotta and Gabriella Cucinotta S.O.S. - concerned citizens

Treasurer's Report: Andy Skokos

Andy reported on the balance of each of the 5 accounts associated with the
Condo Association, the 3 units that comprise A.P.H.S. property.

Membership: Susan Skokos, Chair

75 (7 new)

Grants:

A.P.H.S. received a G.O.S. grant from the Monmouth County Historical
Commission.

Crane House Preservation: Andy

The Fire Prevention Division of the A.P. Fire Department required the old 2nd
story fire escape to be repaired and secured at a cost of \$3,500.

Tours of the Crane House: Susan R.

People from all over the east coast and beyond have been making
appointments for personalized tours and sharing their appreciation
for the history and information as expressed in the sign-in book.

Outreach: Susan R.

Forthcoming events include the **Historical Society History Fair**, Sat., April 11;

Weekend in Old Monmouth, May 2 and 3; and **AsburyFest**, June 6-8.

St. Patrick's Parade: APHS marched and drove in the parade and was joined by
the S.O.S. members.

Fundraising Events: Teddy, Dolly

- __ An August date for Arts and Crafts on the Boardwalk is awaiting city approval. Teddy will be planning an APHS 25th anniversary dinner for September.

Fundraising Merchandise:

Bronze ornaments of iconic Asbury Park sell well. These have included Asbury Lanes, Carousel House, Convention Hall/Paramount Theatre, Casino and Stone Pony. The A.P. High School and Berkeley Waterfront Hotel will be the 2026 selections.

Programs:

- __ Frank D'Alessandro presented Season's Readings, Dec. 25; the film "Sweethearts" for Valentine's, Feb. 16. Other ideas are being considered.

Archives: Katleen Melgar, Don Stine, Eileen Chapman, Aris Lindemans, Bill Morrow

- __ The committee meets monthly and is working with newly acquired archival boxes and sleeves.

Historic Preservation

Attendees included members of the newly-formed advocacy group, Save Our Structures, led by Celia Morrissette and Kristin O'Meara. APHS led the SOS group in the St. Patrick's Parade, the two entities were synergized in expressing outrage at the possibility of losing, or compromising any of the iconic structures that have defined historic Asbury Park.

Newsletter

A goal has been set for two per year. New member, Nina Bolestriete, has volunteered to produce it, or provide ideas for its structure. Susan R. will touch base with her. Ideas will be solicited.

Prepared by Susan Rosenberg, Secretary

