ASBURY PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Minutes, Meeting of Thursday, December 18, 2014 held at the Stephen Crane House at 7:30 PM

Trustees Present: Damato, Harris, Henry, Moor, Shulman, Stine, Troppoli (quorum achieved)
Trustees Absent: Chapman, Chomko, Rosenberg, Sobotka

Approval of minutes:
Minutes from the November 2014 meeting were approved with a correction.

Comments from the Public:
Charlie and Pam Horner gave a brief update on both of the West Side musical exhibits scheduled for January and February 2015: the *Light of Day* exhibit at *Heaven Art and Antiques* and Black History Month exhibit at Monmouth University (MU). He explained that volunteers would be needed at both events, mostly to transport, set up be present during exhibition hours and breakdown the exhibits; this would also need to be coordinated with the gallery's hours of operation. A sample of one of the 60 framed photos for the *Heaven* show (about 110 are expected to be on display at MU) was shared with those in attendance. Don suggested that recorded music of the artists in the photographs be played to enhance the visitors' experience. A guest book to collect e-mails and a donation box to raise funds to restore the Turf Club sign are also planned, as well as a possible reception on Saturday, January 10th. APHS merchandise will be on sale, with a percentage going to *Heaven*. An APHS donation will be made to ArtsCAP to show appreciation to Dennis Carrol for his assistance in hanging the exhibit.
This event will be advertised through the AP Chamber of Commerce (through an e-blast requested by Jennifer) and the *Light of Day* social media.
Don suggested that buses be made available to local senior centers to encourage their members to attend the MU exhibit in February.
Charlie and Pam briefly summarized their efforts to negotiate with Madison Marquette concerning the proposed "Teenagers" show. Due to the high costs requested by the developer, the event may not be held in the Paramount Theater, as originally hoped.

President's Report:
John Moor's resignation letter was accepted by the board.

The following people were approved by the Board and will be listed on the ballot for APHS trustees, the election to be held during the January 2015 membership meeting: Frank D'Alessandro, Eileen Chapman, Mary Damato, and Kay Harris.
The APHS bylaws must be reviewed every two years and approved at that year's membership meeting. Additional changes may be made at the board's discretion. Don and Jim reviewed the bylaws and shared their minor changes. This present version will be shared with the membership before the January meeting by posting on the APHS web site. Additional changes by the trustees may be discussed at a future meeting.

Budget/Finance- Treasurer: Mary Damato

John Grant continues to incorporate the APHS finances into QuickBooks, in preparation for 2014 tax prep. It is recommended that APHS file the EZ-990 form annually due to the large increase in funds raised for the SCH and to make the organization more visible to the not for profit community. The establishment of the society's debit card account, and how it should be managed was discussed.
As of November 30th, there is $9957.89 in the general account.
The balance in the SCH Fund is $115,871.15; there is $98.16 in the PayPal account and $6.60 in the gaming account. Disbursement to the winner of the 50-50 was $930.00.

Website: Jennifer Stine

Kay Harris submitted many historically significant photographs for the new APHS vertical banner. The final sign design will be addressed in the New Year. To make tasking as smooth as possible, Jen requested that she be given 3 business days' notice for e-blasts. She reported that there are 615 addresses in our e-mail data base and 528 likes with lots of engagement in our Facebook account.

Archives/Artifacts & Exhibitions: Don Stine

A donation of a framed photograph of the AP High School stadium in 1923 was donated to the society by Gary Layton of Interlaken. Don will approach the high school about displaying it in an appropriate place as a loan, and will include a story about it in *The Coaster*. The secretary was directed to prepare a thank you letter to the donor.

Historic Preservation/Sites and Buildings: (Report given by Don Stine)
Don reported that approval has been given to list the SCH on the NJ State Historic Registry. Federal approval is expected to take an additional 90 days.
An ad hoc committee consisting of Mary, Jim and Teddy will meet with Tom and Diana Chesek to discuss future residential arrangements.

Legal/Government Relations/Grants: Jim Henry
Don and Jim are seeking to close on the SCH at the January 2015 meeting if the documents have been completed. Jim informed the board that State Farm Insurance is preparing a quote for the SCH as well as liability and errors and omissions coverage for the APHS and its trustees. This coverage may approach $650.00/month.
The AP St. Patrick's Day Committee has the needed paperwork to conduct its annual raffle using the APHS' gaming license. Garrett Giberson, a member of the Committee's Board is in charge.
Jim Henry mentioned that Pam Lamberton, an APHS member is submitting an application for funding of a middle school language arts program to be held at the SCH, as well as upgrading the air conditioning and heating in the SCH. Monies to be taken from a $300,000.00 HUD Grant awarded to the city.

Fundraising & Special Events: No Report
A house tour and event featuring the photography of Noumair and Edlebaum was suggested for the spring.

Membership: Kay Harris
Kay reported that she is preparing a new membership listing for 2015; terms of membership were reviewed.

Secretary/Newsletter: Donna Troppoli
The Fall 2014 newsletter has been sent electronically to all of the APHS e-mail lists and by mail to those members without e-mails. Both of the Horners' West Side musical exhibits have been submitted for listing on the NJ League of Historical Societies e-blasts. Ballots and program drafts have been prepared for the annual membership meeting, they were shared with the trustees for comment and corrections.