

**Meeting of the Asbury Park Historical Society (A.P.H.S.)
Stephen Crane House (S.C.H.)/Arbutus Cottage
Thursday, March 21, 2019**

MINUTES

President Don Stine called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Eileen Chapman, Teddy Chomko, Frank D'Alessandro, Mary Damato, Kay Harris Jim Henry, Susan Rosenberg, Andy Skokos, Dolly Sternesky, Don Stine

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Kay Harris, Jennifer Schulman

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Joe Lemme, member; Susan Skokos, membership committee

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Asbury Park Museum: Did well, Dec. 22 - Mar. 10. Approximately 2,000 visitors.

Everything is in storage until the next pop-up opportunity or permanent location.

Local historians are invited to attend a meet-and-greet information-sharing meeting sponsored by County Clerk Christine Hanlon, Mar. 27. Don and Susan will attend.

Donations: Falconwood Foundation, \$500.

STEPHEN CRANE HOUSE:

Library completion: A celebratory fundraiser will be planned.

Fire system: installed: Final approval/payments pending.

Furniture donations: Mary Damato donated a period desk for "Stephen's room."

Bathroom renovations - pending

MINUTES: Feb. Minutes, approved; 1 abstention

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: Andy Skokos, Treasurer

As of Feb. 28, 2019: checking - \$10,730.98; gaming - \$485; S.C.H. - \$5,796.17;
money market - \$55,305. Grand total: \$72, 317.15

Donor appeal (letters mailed) brought in \$500.

Website/Social Media Technology: Jennifer Schulman

Kay and Andy are the liaisons to the new, developing Web site.

Archives/Artifacts & Exhibits: Don Stine

An active committee has been at work; archival materials were ordered and reimbursement given.

Historic A.P. Postcards: a vast collection of duplicates has been prepared for selling at our Outreach tables.

Uriah White business correspondence: being housed in archival plastic sheets.

Savoy Theatre cards: one sold for \$45.

A.P. Historic House Registry: Don, Jim. Forms to be given to Asbury Park homeowners; announced in AsburyParkSun and Coaster newspapers

Bob Waitt, Ocean Grove Hist. Soc., will be consulted for house registry project and summer tours.

Exhibit: Morro Castle, Bradley Reading Room of the A.P.P.Lib., Sept. 2019

Grants: Jim Henry & Dolly Sternesky

Mon. Cty. Hist'l. Comm's. "30th Annual Preservation Grants," Feb. 25, 2019: Dolly represented A.P.H.S. in receiving a grant to be put toward rehabilitating "Stephen's room," i.e., plastering, flooring and painting,

Comm. Block Dev. Grant (CBDG) - pending (air and heating)

Legal/Gov't. Relations: Jim Henry

Insurance: Looking into State Farm Insurance

Programming: Frank D'Alessandro

Current events in the SCH: meetings of Little League coaches, Dialog, A.P.T.V., Mermaid Parade Planning Comm.; Ed Johnson, mayor emeritus, film/discussion programs ("Fun with Dick and Jane"); Women in History film/discussion program ("Erin Brockovich,") ; School Group Project - young girls with children, Mon. Cty.; and Brookdale Comm. Coll. English classes.

Docent Program: Frank D'Alessandro

Open hours: all Sundays, 12 - 2. People stop in.

Weekend in Old Monmouth: volunteers will be given preparatory info. about the SCH, the Crane family, Mary Helen Peck Crane and Stephen Crane.

Special Events/Fundraising: Teddy Chomko, Eileen Chapman, Dolly Sternesky, Mary D.

Proposed A.P.H.S. events in planning stages: "Kick-Off to Summer" for locals; "Very Groovy Asbury Woodstock," July 21; "Arts and Crafts on the Boardwalk," Aug. 18; Awards Dinner (Oct.); N.Y.C. Lights Bus Tour," Dec. 1.

Membership: Kay Harris

Paid members as of April 30: 18 individuals (\$30 ea.); 16 seniors (\$20 ea.); 5 family (\$50 ea.); 1 patron (\$100); 2 benefactors (\$250 ea.)

Separate Lists include Members, VIPs, Historical Societies and Donors

Total members: 47

Membership revenue: \$1,710

Secretary/Newsletter/Outreach/APHS Archives: Susan Rosenberg

Newsletter: Tom Chesek is preparing for an April mailing and posting.

Outreach: Forthcoming events - "Shore History Fair," Belmar, 4/27; Asbury Park Boardwalk, tourist season; "Weekend in Old Monmouth," Sat., May 4 (10-5); Sun., May 5 (12-5); "Spirit of the Jerseys, N.J. State History Fair," Monmouth Battlefield, Sat., Sept. 14; "Archives and History Day;" "Oysterfest," Sept.; Mon. Cty. Lib., Manalapan, Oct.

A.P.H.S. History Archives: Susan established files on the 2nd floor and handed out the growing list of categories. A work in progress.

Meeting Adjournment: 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rosenberg, Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING: April 18, 7:00 P.M.