

**Meeting of the Asbury Park Historical Society (APHS)
Thursday, May 15, 2014
Stephen Crane House**

MINUTES

President Don Stine called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Trustees Present: Chapman, Chomko, Damato, Harris, Henry, Rosenberg, Schulman, Sobotka, Stine

Trustees Absent: Moor, Troppoli

Approval of Minutes: March minutes are on hold until Donna Troppoli's return. April minutes were approved with several changes.

Public Comments: Charlie Horner discussed the arduous planning of the Light of Day Exhibit scheduled to open in the Heaven Arts and Antiques Gallery on January 15, 2015. It will remain there for two weeks before moving on to Monmouth University. Many items and memorabilia will be included. This is to be a major exhibit The title is to be announced.

President's Report:

Don will ask ArtsCap to work with Horners to repair_____?

The Wishing Well will be moved to the A.P. Senior Citizen Center, Springwood Ave. and painted. Old photos will be framed.

Don wants to hold a yard sale to sell stuff and make money for the Stephen Crane House fund.

Raffle: Dec. 6, First Saturday; aq winner will be picked. A book of 5 raffles sell for \$20.

Proceeds go to the A.P.H.S.

Sept. 9th: Morrow castle 80th Anniversary Committee: Kay Harris will work with Kathy of Paramormal. On behalf of the A.P.H.S., Kate Melina will present the history of A.P. The New Era will be included. An events application needs to be filed.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget & Finance: Treasurer, Mary Damato

The balance between the Crane House and the Historical Society is \$15, 124.

Member John Grant will help Mary transition our record-keeping to **QuickBooks software**. This would encompass data from January 2014 to the present for each, the APHS and the Stephen Crane House accounts. Jim Henry will help John structure the financial statements. QuickBooks codes will be given to Donna, Jennifer and John Grant. Someone asked whether there are bank fees: yes.

Membership: Kay Harris, chair

March: 3 renewals, 1 new member.

Web Site and Media: Jenny Schulman, chair:

Jennifer has proposed the use of WordPress platform that would accommodate Interactive features, e.g., a calendar, image galleries. WordPress also would work with the various sizes of electronics, i.e., phones, tablets, computers. A committee was selected to work with Jennifer in selecting a template: Teddy, Eileen, Kay.

Susan has 60 digital images of the Crane House to send to Jennifer.

All trustees will be able to “drop” videos, images into a designated DropBox.

Everyone needs to encourage FaceBook friends to “like” Asbury Park Historical Society Web site. Trustees will review the Web site.

Archives, Artifacts & Exhibitions: Don Stine, chair

Don has asked ArtsCap to paint a sign with a distressed look in the old train station.

Historic Preservation of Sites and Buildings: David Sobotka, Susan Rosenberg, co-chairs

The Stephen Crane Residence/Arbutus Cottage historic landmark application will be formally reviewed in Trenton on July 17.

Legal/Government Relations/Grants: James Henry, chair

The St. Patricks parade raffle document needs to be submitted.

Fundraising and Special Events: Eileen Chapman and Teddy Chomko, co-chairs

Teddy is working with Ruthanne Harrison, a local promoter and former trustee for a fundraising event. A house tour is being considered for November – food in people’s kitchens, history of the houses. Christmastime. Note: Ocean Grove’s biggest money maker is their house tour.

On August 17th, Teddy has arranged for art on the boardwalk and is charging \$75 for each artist.

Christmas bus tour: perhaps a discount ticket to “Scrooge” will be offered. (Mark Fleming, Premier Theatre)

Aug. 3 - Open House: Don and Eileen will work on this. Sunday, August 3rd.

June 8 – Paranormal event. Proceeds will go to A.P.H.S.

Note: the old Palace Amusements carousel is for ssale on eBay. Don will appeal to Chris Flynn who could possibly get a grassroots movement going to acquire the historic icon. Don Will alos speak to Kate Mellina about getting the preserved barrel from the Palace.

Membership: Kay Harris, chair

Susan will work with Kay to solicit volunteers and maintain a table inside Convention Hall in front of Kay Harris’ Asbury Galleria. Several people have volunteered.

Jennifer suggested that we acquire heavy plastic signs for visibility

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 P.M.

**Respectfully submitted,
Susan Rosenberg for Donna Troppoli**