

**Meeting of the Asbury Park Historical Society (A.P.H.S.)  
Stephen Crane House (S.C.H.)/Arbutus Cottage  
Thursday, May 17, 2018  
MINUTES**

**President Don Stine called the meeting to order at 7:00 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:** Jennifer Schulman

**PUBLIC ATTENDEES:** Tom Chesek, writer-in-residence; Diana Marie Grossman; Pam and Charlie Horner; Joe Lemme, member; Susan Skokos, membership committee

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Charlie Horner:** Charlie and Pam are now part of the East Coast Music Hall of Fame ('50's and '60's music). They will do music award events. Eileen will work with Charlie to hopefully establish a date and place in A.P. Don suggested that E.C.M.H.F. first tour the potential venues.

**Diana Grossman:** Appealed to the Society to help save the last wooden hotel in A.P., the Powhatan, formerly, the Abunda Life building. While the trustees unanimously agree to the importance of preserving history, the land is privately owned.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

**Monuments:** Mayor Moor has asked the Society to present a program to the city.

**STEPHEN CRANE HOUSE:**

Oceanside will train Frank, Tom, Jim and Don for operating air conditioning.

Plaster from library will be moved to dumpster.

Electrical inspection cited new outlet needed.

Trees were removed.

Condo Association: The 3 principals are Frank, Jim, Don (not the Society). Frank suggests a checking \$500 checking account in Provident Bank for needs/services in the common area. Frank and Andy, treasurer, to oversee.

**MINUTES:** April Minutes were unanimously approved.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Budget/Finance: Andy Skokos, Treasurer**

#### **Account balances as of April 30, 2018:**

APHS Checking	\$ 12,688.04
APHS Gaming	\$ 543.60
SCH Checking	\$ 4,686.64
Money Market	\$ 65,211.36
<b>Grand total:</b>	<b>\$ 83,129.64</b>

There is now a \$7.00 service charge.

### **Website/Social Media Technology: Jennifer Schulman**

No report

### **Archives/Artifacts & Exhibits: Don Stine**

A committee will form to treat rusted carousel rings; Dolly to help.

### **Grants: Jim Henry & Dolly Sternesky**

Looking into the Community Development Block Grant. Additional info needed.  
(air conditioning)

### **Programming: Frank D'Alessandro**

Dialog Group and Safe Streets will hold meetings.

5/5,5/6: The Stephen Crane House participated in Mon. Cty. Historical Commission's "Weekend in Old Monmouth." Tom Chesek created a PowerPoint for visitors.

5/20: "The Projectionist," a film based on Asbury Park  
Filmed Opera series: 4th Thur., June, July, Aug., 5:00 P.M.

### **Docent Program: Frank D'Alessandro**

Open hours, all Sundays, 12 - 2.

Susan suggested that a docent program be formalized: an initial meeting of interested volunteers; preparatory background information to be handed out,

Stephen Crane, Mrs. Crane the Cranes, the house and Asbury Park, Stephen's writing sample; scheduling of volunteers.

**Legal: Jim Henry**

- Jim is looking into a permit for the planned fence.
- Looking to get brick pavers from the Dept. of Pub. Works's city projects for the driveway; getting comparable quotes

**Special Events/Fundraising: Teddy Chomko, Eileen Chapman**

Planned A.P.H.S. events:

Aug. 19: 13th Annual Art-on-the-Boardwalk ( fine art and select crafts)

Sept. 16: "End of Summer Party," Anchors Bend

Dec.: N.Y.C. Bus Tour, "City Lights," including 50/50 raffle

Various ideas are being planned.

Don suggested that a cocktail party be planned, e.g., at House of Independents.

Meet'nGreets: Porta, Capitaline, VFW

**Membership: Kay Harris**

A "New Members Night" will be scheduled

**Secretary/Newsletter/OutReach: Susan Rosenberg**

A.P.H.S. is scheduled to participate in Archives Day, Oct. 13, Monmouth County Library.

**Meeting Adjournment: 8:10 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Rosenberg, Recording Secretary**

**NEXT MEETING: June 21, 7:00 P.M.**