

**ASBURY PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Minutes, Meeting of Thursday, November 20, 2014 held at the Stephen Crane House at 7:30 PM

Trustees Present: Damato, Harris, Henry, Rosenberg, Sobotka, Stine, Troppoli (quorum achieved)

Trustees Absent: Chapman, Chomko, Moor, Shulman

**Approval of minutes:**

Minutes from the October 2014 meeting were approved with corrections.

**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. He explained that volunteers would be needed at both events, mostly to transport, set up and breakdown the exhibits; this would also need to be coordinated with the gallery's hours of operation. Framing costs will approximate \$2,000.00, which the Horners will treat as a donation to APHS. The exhibit at Monmouth University will have a grand opening on February 4<sup>th</sup>; the university will be mailing invitations to this event. Charlie briefly summarized his efforts concerning the proposed "Teenagers" show. He is also looking for a catchy name for the event. The discussion was tabled due to a full agenda and pending more information on venue availability.

Tom Chesek requested board approval regarding the 2015 induction of Stephen Crane into the NJ Hall of Fame. There are several inductees yearly, no fee for the application and different categories for the inductees. Tom outlined the application process and distributed a handout to meeting attendees. He also presented information on the Literary Landmarks program (sponsored by the American Library Association), which would involve fund raising as the fabrication and installation of a commemorative plaque is required. Tom has generously offered to prepare the applications for both programs. Discussion was tabled pending more information.

**President's Report:**

John Moor, the mayor-elect is resigning his position as trustee. Don, Mary and Jim will be forming a committee to seek a replacement.

The drawing for the 50-50 was held; Pam Horner drew the winning ticket, which was purchased by Carolyn Kiczek of Skillman, NJ. The fund raising effort raised approximately \$1560.00, half of which will be given to the winner.

The APHS bylaws must be reviewed biannually; Don and Jim will be taking on this task. The present version will be shared with the trustees for comment and readoption at the annual membership meeting in January.

#### **Budget/Finance- Treasurer: Mary Damato**

John grant has incorporated the APHS finances into QuickBooks up to October 31, 2014.

As of October 31th, there is approximately \$9374.00 in the general account. The balance in the SCH Fund is \$115,846.00; there is \$139.00 in the PayPal account and \$100.00 in the gaming account, bringing the total to about \$126,338.00. Monies from the recent 50-50 are not included in these figures.

#### **Website: Report given by Kristin Stine**

Kristin gave a presentation on signage and business cards for the APHS. Several design options were discussed. The final sign design will depend on the type and quality of the images which are available for use. It was decided that a banner 2 ½' by 6' in a vertical format would be most effective. Kristin, Kay and Susan will be involved in this project. The business card design and pricing were presented; it features color imagery on both sides. There is an option for a generic (can be used by all trustees) or personalized card. Trustees will be given their choices after the January meeting.

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

A donation of a framed photograph of the AP High School stadium in 1923 was donated to the society. 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*.

#### **Historic Preservation/Sites and Buildings: David Sobotka, Susan Rosenberg**

Dave reported that the final edits and changes to the application for the placement of the SCH on the NJ State Historic Registry have been submitted and he is awaiting the SHPO response. Dave will touch base again with Bob Craig regarding the status, and share this information with the board.

**Legal/Government Relations/Grants: Jim Henry**

Don and Jim are seeking to close on the SCH by December first; the title is being requested. Jim informed the board that State Farm Insurance will consider covering the SCH; he is waiting for a quote.

The AP St. Patrick's Day Committee has made a request to once again use the APHS gaming license for its annual raffle. Don has made an agreement with them to use the APHS license three times in total; this will allow for two more uses by the parade committee who will take on all costs and paperwork.

Another 50-50 is planned for Memorial Day.

**Fundraising & Special Events: (Report given by Don Stine)**

Eileen will be working on both the "Teenagers" concert and the "Brass Ring" project. Don also wants to plan an APHS awards dinner and a possible Xmas party, should it be possible to do so. Teddy and Eileen will be consulted.

**Membership: Kay Harris**

Kay reported that there has been 1 new membership this month.

**Secretary/Newsletter: Donna Troppoli**

Membership in the NJ league of Historical Societies will be renewed, per board approval; a renewal application and \$40.00 fee will be submitted. The trustees have elected to receive the league's e-mail blasts.

Stan Goldberg has expressed an interest in doing a Jersey Shore music talk in early 2015; his presentation must be scheduled on a Sunday. Don mentioned that topics for inclusion could be the Sunshine Inn, the Hullabaloo Club and the Saint.