

ASBURY PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes, Meeting of Thursday, October 17, 2013 held at the Stephen Crane House at 7:30 PM

Trustees Present: Chapman, Chomko, D'Amato, Harris, Henry, Moor, Rosenberg, Stine, Troppoli (quorum achieved)

Trustees Absent: Hiznay, Sobotka

**Approval of minutes:**

Approved as submitted.

**Gospel Concert Summary: Charlie and Pam Horner**

Charlie and Pam Horner are the founders of Classic Urban Harmonies, and are experts in "doo-wop", and other 20<sup>th</sup> Century American vocal music forms. They summed up the Gospel Concert which was presented on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at the Jersey Shore Arts Center (JSAC), 66 South Main Street, Ocean Grove, NJ. This day was designated as "Missionary Jubilaires Day" in Asbury Park; Mayor Myra Campbell spoke and presented proclamations to these performers during intermission.

The expenses of the concert were discussed; Charlie and Pam have generously donated a major part of their expenses and all of their services as well as the rental fee for the JSAC, making this a very profitable venture for APHS; approximately 320 tickets were sold. More information and numerous photos are posted on their website [www.clasicurbanharmonies.com](http://www.clasicurbanharmonies.com). The Horners' future plans for collaboration with APHS include an exhibit of West Side music for the 2015 *Light of Day* event, and a restoration of the Turf Club sign.

**Committee reports:**

Budget/Finance- Treasurer: Mary Damato

Due to financing the upcoming concert, an accurate accounting of APHS bank account will be prepared after all expenses and income has been reconciled.

David Sobotka's employer, Marsh and McLennan Companies donated \$500.00 to APHS, which will be added to the general fund, which has an opening balance of \$8108.12.

Crane House Account \$7193 (includes concert revenues to date).

The necessity for the APHS to have a credit card for purchases was discussed and passed.

Archives/Artifacts & Exhibitions: (Report given by Don Stine)

The traffic pattern on Memorial Drive and Main Street is planned to be converted to one lane with a center median. Don Stine recommended that APHS consider taking a stand on this change.

Ed Noumair, a, Asbury Park photographer who has been active in the city since 1946 is having a show of his aerial views of Asbury Park at *Gallery 13* during the month of November. Ed has generously offered to donate the proceeds of his sale to the APHS.

Don also asked that the APHS support “An Evening with Herb”, Herb Herbst’s evening of reminiscence about his creation of the JSAC at the former Neptune High School on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.

Don hopes to move the wishing well to the transportation center, hopefully with the help of a friend and a city front-end loader.

The relation between the APHS and Monmouth University in respect to document storage, conservation and display was discussed.

The APHS need for a scanner and funds needed for purchase or a possible donation was discussed.

#### Historic Preservation/Sites and Buildings: (Report given by Don Stine, Susan Rosenberg)

Susan has taken additional photos for the Stephen Crane House registration; Tom Chesek has finalized the drafts concerning the building’s historic significance and the structure’s floor plans. SHPO is scheduled to meet with APHS representatives regarding this on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00.AM.

A decision on approval is expected in March 2014.

Mrs. Bradley’s bible, which was donated to the APHS by her heirs, is presently on display in the APPL.

#### Legal/Government Relations/Grants: (Report given by Jim Henry)

Johnny Mac’s House of Spirits request to use the APHS gaming license for their St. Patrick’s Day raffle will necessitate the APHS administrating the raffle (filing application for permit). Johnny Mac will reimburse APHS for the fees.

Jim contacted the state offices involved in the Stephen Crane House being subdivided or made into condominiums. Some requirements for these procedures appeared to be unclear, as well as master deed requirements.

#### Website (Report given by Don Stine)

Jenny Stine Schulman was voted to take Matt Hiznay’s place as APHS Trustee in charge of our website, e-mail blasts and social media. Matt has resigned from this position. Matt was thanked by the board for his efforts, especially his involvement in the APHS’ historic walking/biking tour of 2012.

#### Fundraising: (Report given by Teddy Chomko)

The annual Christmas Lights Bus Trip to NYC (co-sponsored with the OGHS) has been scheduled for Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost will be \$105.00 per person and include lunch, a walk on the HighLine, viewing the tree at Rockefeller Center, Christmas market in a NYC park and several other city attractions.

Membership: (Report given by Kay Harris)

Kay reported that there was one new membership this month, and that she would be selling APHS merchandise at her shop, the Asbury Park Galleria.

Secretary/Newsletter: (Report given by Donna Troppoli)

Topics, images for the Winter 2013 Newsletter were requested, as this issue needs to be released early to support the annual NYC Christmas Lights Bus Trip to be held on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Special Events (Report given by Eileen Chapman)

Future events to be planned include a memorial event to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Morro Castle* disaster planned for September 2014. The governor will be invited. An annual recognition dinner to recognize former APHS trustees and the organization's present supporters was discussed, with a planned April 2014 date.

OLD BUSINESS AND COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

Werner Baumgartner requested that APHS write a letter of support for his re-instatement as AP City Historian.

The APHS will meet to formulate a new 5-year plan, as per its bylaws at the SCH on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. Trustees are asked to be guided by the SWOT Analysis format.