

MINUTES FOR ASBURY PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DATE: September 20, 2018

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Civil War monument located at Grand and Cookman avenues is in dire need of restoration. A quote of \$49,126 was received. Don Stine requested one more proposal to bring to City Council for their review and approval. Monument is city's responsibility. Jim Henry suggests it be included in city's next budget. APHS cannot pay for repair but will encourage city to proceed with repair.

ATTENDEES: Don Stine, Jim Henry, Andy Skokos, Kay Harris, Mary Damato, Frank D'Alessandro, and Dolly Sternesky

ABSENT: Teddy Chomko, Eileen Chapman, Susan Rosenberg and Jennifer Schulman

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Kkokos, Pam and Charlie Horner, Dom and Simone Acque and Kreileck Conversation, LLC.

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| BANK BALANCES: | APHS | \$12,163.59 |
| | Gaming | 670.61 |
| | Stephen Crane | 2,427.56 |
| | Money Market | 65,251.96 |

Don said that the Bradley Monument needs cleaning and rebuffering, which is the responsibility of the city. Ocean Township flea market on October 7, APHS will participate. A wreath was placed on Morro Castle monument for anniversary. The Smithsonian requested information on Morro Castle for shipwreck research by Arrow Productions. Don received estimate of \$500 to refurbish floor in library, also lighting will be installed in library and bedroom. Cabinets will be received in one month for library. Trees were removed in back yard. We are waiting for quotes on suppression system and waiting for radiators to be placed before cold weather.

There was a suggestion by Jim Henry to compile income and expenses for each Crane House bank account. There is a need to be compliant with NJ state \$210. Also Don suggests Jim to look into CDBG application for A.C. and heating. Jim purchased 3 lights, one with a fan for the Crane House.

Archives postcards did well in sales. Don would like to canvass homes pre 1900 to register for homes and to compile history of homes for future historical house tour. Mary suggested bringing back house tours that could be very profitable.

Jim Henry reports Crane House ineligible for Homestead Rebate and to bring cell phone tower before Planning Board. Also he suggests a letter to the city manager to request paving bricks from Main St. for driveway along Crane House.

Don asks for ad hoc committee to decorate the house for holidays in natural materials. Frank, Teddy and Dolly can coordinate with \$500 budget to end of year.

Frank shared his program for opera with dinner for the summer program. His Literary Program starts Sunday with a tribute to H.G. Wells, a friend of Stephen Crane, filmed in 1936 "Things to Come."

Ed Johnson will start his 7th Politics in film series on October 6, Frank reminds us of Open House in the Crane House every Sunday from 12 – 2pm. Visitors are coming from great distances, along with school groups when school starts.

Suggestion has been made to recognize 100 anniversary end of WWI with a library program.

Susan had suggested the one-man Stephen Crane play she viewed in NYC to be held in the Crane House as a fundraiser. Details with artist would need to be worked out; perhaps when he returns to this area.

Don says that Mr. Myers of Ft. Lee film is planning an event at the Santander in Myrna Loy's apartment; perhaps we can take part in this.

Kay would like a social for membership in late October/November. Andy asked if membership fees cover our newsletter. Kay believes this is so and has had little response from members requesting electronic newsletter vs. printed ones.

Respectfully submitted by Dolly Sternesky