Asbury Park Historical Society Monthly Meeting: March 21, 2024 (3rd Thurs.) Headquarters: Stephen Crane House 508 Fourth Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712

PRESIDENT KAY HARRIS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Kay Harris, Susan Rosenberg, Andy Skokos, Susan Skokos, Dolly Sternesky, Don Stine

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Eileen Chapman, Teddy Chomko, Jen Stine

MINUTES: SUSAN ROSENBERG: February Minutes - approved

TREASURER'S REPORT: ANDY SKOKOS

As of February 29, 2024:

A.P.H.S. Checking: \$ 7,617.89 S.C.H. Checking: \$ 1,257.65 Money Market: \$ 41,048.40 Gaming: \$ 550.00

Grand Total: \$ 50,473.94

MEMBERSHIP: SUSAN SKOKOS: 75 members

WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA/EBLAASTS; JEN STINE

Don will ensure that the Website is updated.

GRANTS: ANDY SKOKOS

Andy sought and received the grant from North.2.Shore Feb. 26: Andy, Susan S.and Kay attended the Monmouth County Historical Commission awards presentation. Freehold.

2025: Plans to air condition 2nd floor with Block Grant money.

FUNDRAISING MERCHANDISE:

Ornament sales: Since 2021: have brought in \$23,000, having sold 2,362.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS; TEDDY CHOMKO

Walking Tours: Dolly and Don will work with Teddy

Art on the Boardwalk, Aug. 18, 2024: Permits are being sought

UP-COMING EVENTS:

Morro Castle 90th Anniversary, September 8, 2024

A.P. Museum and A.P. Historical Society will co-sponsor a series of events; Activities to include, dinner-dance with Norman Seldin band; films, speaker; newsreels (Don).

Deb Whitcraft, N.J. Maritime Museum, Beach Haven, has expressed a commitment to work with Asbury Park.

- **May 16, Thursday:** *Green Book* presentation, Jenny Schaffer A.P. Public Library Promote through FaceBook, e-blasts, Websites, *Coaster*
- May 12, Wednesday. North.2.Shore: Frank D'Alessandro will present poetry readings, "A Crane House garden of Verses, " writings by Stephen Crane and others.A prestigious grant was awarded to A.P.H.S. for this event.

ARCHIVES: Don, Kay and Eileen will visit the Township of Ocean Historical Museum archive facilities.

STEPHEN CRANE HOUSE: RESTORATION AND ROOM PLANS

Don hired Gerry, the plasterer to re-do the office:plaster, prime, paint.

New knob is needed for the front door to keep it closed without locking. (Andy)

2025 - 2nd floor to be air conditioned

Teddy and Susan R. Will make recommendations for setting up the museum. Building upkeep: Andy and Don.

NEWSLETTER: SUSAN ROSENBERG

Susan R. Reported on 12 working subjects for the April issue.

DOCENT-LED TOURS: SUSAN ROSENBERG, FRANK D'ALESSANDRO

Don and Andy will lead a school group on a music tour of A.P. Susan R. led 4 tours, 12 people. Winter weather kept people away. Donations: \$65.00

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 7:45