

Historical Committee
Minutes of the June 10, 2015 Meeting

Attendance: B. Aldrich, L. Franklin, B. Titus, R. Stomber, L. Stahl, D. Addario

Presiding: B. Aldrich, Co-Chairperson.

The minutes of the May 13, 2015 meeting were approved.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Betty reported that the Memorial Day event had a good crowd of people who attended and then came into the Texier House for refreshments. The attendees enjoyed the WWII display and the new display of posters.

Betse took pictures of the Memorial Day event and showed them to the Committee members. Lynn F. advised the Committee that she received a coffee pot from Gary Greeves that we can use in the future. Lynn has already sent him a thank you note.

Betty reported that on May 16, a group of 12 to 15 women came and visited the Texier House and donated \$75.00 and also put \$22.00 in the donations jar. They really enjoyed their visit and were very impressed with all of the work that has been done on the exhibits and displays. The group's name is the Quest of NJ Historians.

Lynn F. reported that on June 2, Christopher Tafaro, one of the guys whose name will be placed on the war plaque, came to the Texier House with his Mom and niece. Shelini took pictures; Lynn hasn't gotten the pictures yet, but she will show them to us when she receives them. They had a nice visit and Chris enjoyed seeing the Texier House. Lynn read an e-mail from his Mom, Gail Bennett Tafaro, stating that she enjoyed her visit.

Betty reported that the Texier House was open on June 7, but we did not have any visitors.

FINANCIAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Lynn Franklin reported that our Borough budget is \$1497.20 and that our Watchung Community Foundation budget is \$14,327.56. Lynn also reported that Barbara and she were reimbursed for some items they had purchased. She did not have any expenses to report. She reported we had received \$60 in donations for books.

OLD BUSINESS

Lynn F. advised the Committee that she sent Jack Farrell a thank you note. She also reported that the Texier House was cleaned and when we were here on June 2nd, we checked it to make sure it had been cleaned. It looked very clean and neat.

Diddy spoke about the write up on Tibby Wotherspoon. The Committee read it, and everyone liked it and approved it. The write up is attached to the minutes.

Lynn F. sent a thank you note to Bruce Ryno in April for his contributions to the WWII exhibit. Betse asked if her sister-in-law has received a thank you note for the paratrooper she loaned to us. Lynn F. will send her a thank you note.

Lynn F. reported about the June 3 Somerset County Cultural and Heritage meeting and reported that the County budget is going to be the same this year as it was last year. Neshanic has been deemed to be a historic town. The Teen Arts Festival was in May. There is going to be a

Technical Assistance Workshop on grant research and how to write grants on July 29, 2015 in the Administration Building from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and another one in the evening from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The daytime workshop is \$5.00 and the evening workshop is \$15.00. Lynn F. is probably going to attend. She also reported that they're looking for volunteers for the 4H Fair.

Lynn F. mentioned that if we get a tablecloth for the Committee we should get it from Service Apex because she has had work done by them in the past, including a tablecloth, and they do very good work.

Lynn is going to call Maria to have the DPW workers come and move the podium from the hallway.

NEW BUSINESS

Diddy advised the Committee that she told the Rescue Squad about the new WWII exhibit.

Betse asked if the Texier House will be open July 4th. The Committee discussed it and decided that it will not be. The Committee decided that the Texier House will be open in the summer by appointment only. There will be no meetings in July and August. We will keep our Tuesday work sessions from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lynn S. will ask Michelle or Shelini to put on the website that the Texier House will be open by appointment only in July and August. Lynn F. and Lynn S. will do a press release to that effect. Lynn F. will be on call for June 20th for the Eaton family if they would like to visit the Texier House.

Betse mentioned about the video that Chris is working on. A call needs to be made to him to find out where it is and what the status of it is. Barbara or Betty will follow up with Chris.

In September, Lynn F. and Lynn S. will do a press release about the WWII display.

Scheduling for the Texier House is as follows:

June 20 – Lynn F. will be on call for the Eaton family

June 21 – Betse and Rick.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by
Lynn Stahl
Interim Secretary