

Historical Committee
Minutes of the March 9, 2016 Meeting

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

Presiding: B. Diem, B. Aldrich, Co-Chairpersons.

The minutes of the February 10 meeting were approved.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Barbara reported to the Committee that Chris Van der Fliet hasn't gotten back to her about the Spencer Kipe interview.

Lynn Franklin asked if we could put up something on the wall downstairs where the bookcase was moved. There is now an empty space. Barbara will bring in a quilt to hang there.

Barbara reported that Diddy and she haven't finished the Annual Report yet. It is a work in progress.

Barbara received a call from John Smack but hasn't made contact with him yet about the ice tong donation.

Barbara and Betty Jean submitted the write up for the Newsletter.

FINANCIAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Lynn F. reported that our budget in the Watchung Community Foundation is \$14,819.56. She could not report on the borough budget because she hasn't received the report as of yet.

Lynn F. reported about the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Committee meeting. There will be the presentation of the Historic Preservation and History Awards on Wed., May 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bound Brook Theater.

The county website is being redesigned to make it easier to read and use.

Lynn F. distributed some Visit NJ Somerset County pamphlets.

April 9 and 10 is the Battle of Bound Brook.

LIAISON'S REPORT

Barbara advised Dave that the sandwich board sign hasn't been put out on the days it should be out. The DPW was given a list of dates that the Texier House is open and asked that the sign be put out on the Friday of the week the Texier House will be open. However, that is not being done. Rick volunteered to do it as well as Ralph Diem.

Barbara reported that she and Betty Jean had a meeting with Tom Adkins about the budget. Bill Hance and Tom Adkins advised them that everything was fine. Dave advised the Committee that the town would most likely approve the budget for the ceiling and lights for the Texier House. Betty spoke about the ice sculpture and putting the cost for it in the budget. Lynn F. advised that we'll have to get an additional banner for Weekend Journey through the Past, and we don't know how much the cost will be for the banner.

NEW BUSINESS

The Committee discussed the Somerset County Historic Preservation Grant Program and concluded that we don't qualify for it.

The Committee discussed the Memorial Day honorees to be selected. Lynn F. suggested John Toolan; she will call him and ask him if he would like to be honored.

Schedule for Texier House Openings – 4/3/16 – Barbara and Diddy

4/17/16 – Rick and Lynn S.

OLD BUSINESS

The Committee discussed the Strategic Plan. Rick will send a copy of it to Diddy so that she can work on updating it.

Barbara discussed the plan for having the seniors in for lunch on April 13. Barbara will try to find out how many seniors will attend. We will order sandwiches. Lynn F. will handle the coffee and tea. Lynn S. will bring bottled water. Diddy will bake cookies; Barbara will bake raspberry squares. We'll check on how many paper goods we have and determine if we need to purchase any additional supplies.

Barbara spoke about the Weekend Journey and asked if the forms have been submitted yet. Lynn F. advised the Committee that the forms haven't come out yet.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by
Lynn Stahl
Interim Secretary