

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE
December 12, 2018

Attendance: Diddy Addario, Betty Jean Aldrich, Seth Alexander, Chris Blackadar, Barbara Diem, Amber Murad, Chris Vander Fliet, Mary Ann Weber

Absent: Ralph Diem, Tim Logan, Dave Mobus, Betse Titus

Meeting began at 7:48.

Secretary's Report: C. Blackadar

Minutes of November 14, 2018 circulated and approved.

Chairperson's Report: A. Murad

Nov. 20, 2018 Mary Ann, Diddy and Amber met at Texier House and went over budget for 2019 and a five-year capital improvement budget plan. Approvals for items were e-mailed to all committee members and agreed upon. The budget for 2019 has been submitted.

Chris Blackadar will take down the tree at the Environmental Center for the Festival of Tree on Dec. 29th.

Financial Manager's Report: M. A. Weber

The total for the Historical Committee's is \$8,594.91 See Attached I.

Unfinished Business:

The report for the Mural/Materials Restoration/County report is due Jan. 3. MC will be done cleaning the back of the Mural from paint, plaster, etc. by December 31. Seth has agreed to go to Philadelphia to get an update on the Mural. Amber has gathered the information needed to provide the county for the grant update.

New Business:

The Council has recommended the dissolution of the 9/11 ad hoc committee and thinks the few things left to be done should be managed through the Historical Committee. Seth was on the 9/11 Committee so it should be a smooth transition since he is on our Historical Committee.

Lifetime Member:

Betty Jean Aldrich will not be renewing her membership for 2019. Seth made a motion to recommend Betty Jean as a Lifetime Member with Diddy 2nd. The Borough Council will make a recommendation to add her as a Lifetime member. The new Council has been advised to officially recognize Betty Jean as a Lifetime member.

Diddy and Barbara were contacted by "Watchung Living" on Dec. 5 and wanted to know about the changes in Watchung over the years. It was recommended to display their magazine in our Museum with the older copies behind the most recent.

The new Cinema would like to put a digital copy of the Mural in the theater. Chris VF will contact Robert, who took the digital picture, for the cost and get back to the Cinema with details. Once the location is determined Seth will do a virtual of the wall for size.

A fundraiser for the Mural was discussed. Most favorite topics were a car show and book readings with wine and cheese. To be discussed further at later date.

Officers for the Year 2019:

Chairperson: Amber Murad

Co-Chair: Diddy Addario

Secretary: Chris Blackadar

Financial Advisor: Mary Ann Weber

Schedule for Texier House Openings:

Dec. 16: Tim and Ralph

January 6: Betsy and Mary Ann

January 20: Diddy, Barbara, Betty Jean

Projects for 2019

Matt King and Cemetery Project, Image of Mural in Borough Hall, Church Bell, improving displays, Alexandra Benc's tour project, Ice Sculpture, Road Name Project, Strategic Planning, Digital Catalog, WWI Trench Art, Staple Items for Events.

Meeting adjourned 9:38 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Chris Blackadar