

Historical Committee  
Minutes of the September 10, 2014

Attendance: B. Diem, L. Franklin, B. Aldrich, S. Tucker, B. Titus, D. Addario, R. Stomber, D. Beck-Clemens, Liaison

Presiding: B. Diem, Co-Chairperson. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

The minutes of the August 13, 2014 meeting were approved with a few changes to the contact list for Watchung History Day.

**CO-CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – B. Diem**

There have been Work Sessions for Watchung History Day for the Parlin Exhibit. The journal is complete and will be put in the case. R. Stomber will secure the case. Chris Vander Fliet is making the frame for the CD/screen. He has been spending many hours working on his project. We need to move the map case. It will be given to Titus Surveying (if they want it). They will have to move it. The committee decided that the Girl Scout project should be put on hold until possibly after January 2015. B. Diem will call Maddie to find out if she has a deadline for the project.

In regards to the flood project, we don't have many flood pictures. R. Stomber will try to get some off of the computer. S. Tucker says the project can be done on the 1973 flood. There are three 8" x 10" frames to be filled.

The Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> display is completed. Mary C. is making signs.

The Star Spangled Banner display is complete. We're waiting for labels.

The Committee agreed to wait until after Sept. 27, 2014 to continue work on the Then and Now Project.

Games for History Day- L. Franklin and L. Stahl have found badminton, paddle balls, croquet (Sue's set), hopscotch, and are looking for checkers.

Chart for Staffing History Day – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.- We will work on at a Work Session.

Badges have been ordered by B. Diem and B. Aldrich. They will be ready by Sept, 15, 2014.

Flood Work Session – Sept. 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Labels for Justin's Project – His to do, not the committee.

**FINANCIAL MANAGER'S REPORT-L. Franklin**

L. Franklin reported that our balance in the Watchung Community Foundation is \$14,202.54. The borough budget is \$740.43

Lynn F. advised us that R. Stomber will handle the installation of the sleeves for the lights. His daughter will assist him. The DPW will get the grounds organized for History Day. The lawns will be mowed before then; the poison ivy is mostly gone, although it is difficult to get rid of. The DPW will help to set up tables, etc. the day of the event. The cleaning people will clean the Texier House on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Lynn and Tom Franklin will be there when the cleaning people are there. The cleaning service will clean bathrooms, floors, cases, blinds and, hopefully, the windows.

Press Information- the sandwich board sign will be set up at the circle. Press releases need to be done and sent to Echoes-Sentinel, the Post, Facebook, Star Ledger. We will use the 9/13 press release. D. Clemens has it on her computer and will send it to L. Franklin.

Somerset County Heritage and Cultural Committee- Lynn reported that there is a “Veterans Pow-Wow” 11/15/14 from 11:00 a.m.to 4:00 p.m. at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Somerville and various other programs. The War Memorial in Somerville donated \$171 to the Heritage and Cultural Committee.

We are hoping to move things from the downstairs closet to the upstairs closet. This way the downstairs closet can be used by the Historical Committee. There has been no response from the Borough yet about the closet.

### **LIAISON’S REPORT-D. Beck-Clemens**

Dianna advised us that the e-mail account with the town: [historic@watchung.gov](mailto:historic@watchung.gov) is up and running.

The Collections Policy was included with the August minutes so everyone should have a copy. It should be updated and then Dianna will give a copy to A. Cruz and then the new policy will be given to all Watchung History Committee members.

Dianna reported that the Mobus Field sign is back (new post, etc.) The playground equipment has been ordered. The basketball court updated. The pavilion will be updated. There is no painting in the budget for the Texier House. Watchung History Committee needs printer; Dianna will ask B. Hance about getting one. A new sign should be ordered for Mountain Blvd. B. Diem will ask Linda Monetti where to order the sign from.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The committee scheduled work sessions for 9/16/14 at 9:30 a.m. to work on thank you letters or Watchung History Day items.

Coverage for Texier House: Sept. 20 – L. Franklin and L. Stahl

Sept. 21 – B. Diem and B. Aldrich

Oct. 5 – R. Stomber and B. Titus

Oct. 19 – L. Franklin and L. Stahl

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Submitted by  
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Interim Secretary