



WEST MILFORD HERITAGE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

PRESENT: Harry Bedford, Tonya Cubby, Kristen Koerner, Hans Niederstrasser
Kerry O'Brien, Council Liaison Michael Chazukow (L)

ABSENT: Thomas Decker (L), Robert Pawlo, Michael Van Hooker

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Current Utility Invoices: PSE&G: \$24.60, Rockland Electric: \$137.06, UGI Services Aug \$6.33
- Trust Account: \$29,184.84, including \$28.49 interest for July and \$30.89 for August. We received \$247 in donations.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- The August 8, 2023 minutes were unanimously approved on a **motion** by Hans Niederstrasser with a **second** by Tonya Cubby.

MUSEUM BUSINESS:

- Tonya Cubby indicated she has received not received any additional painting quotes. She noted that she spoke with Eric Coulson and reminded him that she needs a quote submitted for the stonework. We have two others who had looked and indicated they were not interested in the job.
- The Committee reviewed the WM Museum visitor numbers for August/September. 17 people signed the visitors book in August, as well as 57 who attended the Contra-Band musical event. We had about 13 people in the first two weeks in September.
- Maintenance at Museum: Gutters on rear of building and gardens need some tending to. Michael Van Hooker indicated this is on his "to do" list.
- Conversion of Historic Preservation Commission meeting tapes from years past - converted into digital format: This is on hold at this time.
- Hans Niederstrasser indicated that Howie Seifert and Mauro ? from the Lions Club visited the Museum this past Saturday and spoke with him concerning the best way to install the display case donated by The Lions Club. Hans will show the Committee what was discussed concerning installation after this meeting and he will let Howie/Mauro know what was decided. The location they have proposed will work, however we think that it will need a spacer behind it. After installed, the Lions Club can come with the artifacts/memorabilia they have to donate to the Museum.
- If no one is available to staff the Museum this Saturday, September 16, we will put up a sign on the door that the Museum will be closed.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Apshawa School Visits – December dates have been requested. Tonya Cubby and Kerry O'Brien can meet with them, possibly Tom Decker. Tonya will ask the school and Police Dept for 3 possible dates.
- The Contra-Band musical event was held on August 19, 2023. There were about 60 attendees. The event was very well received.
- Update to be provided on collaboration with WM Library, WM77TV, WM Museum and WM Schools for video 'recollection' series once school has commenced and more details can be provided. The Committee discussed possible individuals to interview, including Ann Genader, Bonnie Earl.
- The 190th Anniversary Booklet is still in need of final editing work. Tonya Cubby needs to order flash drives.

- Publicity/Press Release: None at this time. The publicity for the Contra-Band event assisted in having a full house at the Museum.
- Recent donations/inquiries: Request for information – None. Hans Niederstrasser donated photo paper to the Museum.
- Michael Chazukow indicated that he spoke with with Kelly Ruffel of Passaic County concerning the EDC map project and the funding they have available. She would like to have a meeting soon so Kerry O’Brien indicated that he would be available to meet and discuss funding projects. Michael Chazukow will let Kelly know and set up a meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The following were reviewed by the Committee:

- AASLH – Weekly Dispatches and Job Flash
- Crossroads of the American Revolution Newsletters
- Ridgewood Historical Society Exhibit – “It’s Personal”
- Ridgewood Historical Society – “What’s Your Story?” – Sept 21, 2023 – Reservations required
- Request received from someone running a tennis tournament regarding the Hole in One target from our former tennis tournaments. Tonya Cubby advised that it was disposed of during the clean-up of the rear work room.

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm by unanimous consent. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 7:00pm.

Approved: October 10, 2023

Submitted by Kristen Koerner, Secretary