

Morris County Heritage Commission Minutes

Meeting of June 9, 2015

Present: Chairman Larry Fast and Commissioners Esey Farrell, Kathy Fisher, Joyce Kanigel, Joseph Macasek, Miriam Morris, Kathy Murphy, and Archivist/Acting Director Margaret Shultz.

Apologies: Elliott Ruga, Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika and Freeholder Director Kathryn DeFillippo.

Call to order: Chairman Fast called the meeting to order at the Morris County Library at 9:41 a.m. He read the Public Open Meeting Statement.

Minutes: the minutes for May 12 were accepted as amended.

Freeholder Report: no report, but Chairman Fast is in touch with Kathryn DeFillippo.

Financial Report: see Expenditure Budget Activity for 6/8/2015 attached to the meeting package for June 9, 2015.

Chairman's Report: attached to the meeting package for June 9, 2015.

Archivist/Acting Director's Report: attached to the meeting package for June 9, 2015.

Archives and Facilities: delivery of the rolling shelves is anticipated for July 31.

Personnel: if there is no resolution by July 1, Acting Director Shultz will look into the hiring of a temporary clerk with a view to changing the job title to Archival Technician once this designation is approved and subject to requirement of a period of commitment for the clerk.

Committee reports:

Archives: Kathy Murphy and Joe Macasek, Co-Chairs.

See Archivist/Acting Director's report above and attached.

Grants/Re-grants: Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Chair

See Archivist/Acting Director's report attached. Site visits are complete.

Long-Range Plan: Esey Farrell, Kathy Fisher, Co-Chairs

Commissioner Farrell has received the facilities and personnel update from the CCAHA Needs Assessment, but is waiting for reports from most subcommittee chairs. She requested that these be sent to her by June 29.

Marker Program: Kathy Fisher, Chair: see Archivist/Acting Director's report.

Personnel: Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Chair

No further report.

Public Programs/Exhibits: Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Chair

No further report.

Publications: Elliott Ruga, Chair: status by Acting Director Shultz and Chairman Fast.

- Conversion of *Gone to Wear the Victor's Crown*; see Archivist/Acting Director's report.
- A one page article was needed for the spring newsletter. Commissioner Macasek suggested a feature on the success of the Wharton Canal Day.
- The issues with the 1 ESS article originally intended for the spring newsletter have led to a decision to publish it in a summer online edition, along with an editorial and other articles.

Old Business:

No further business.

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New Business:

- Regarding the proposed demolition of Denville's three-room Schoolhouse: as a matter of policy MCHC does not express an opinion unless it receives a request for support.
- Acting Director Shultz explained that the New Jersey Historical Commission is in the process of changing its re-grant program to be in line with the State Arts Council program. The NJHC is working on changing the application criteria for county GOS/re-grant programs.
 1. The evaluation criteria will be based on audience and demographics, which would require MCHC to start collecting and organizing data in order to comply.
 2. Larger organizations would apply directly to NJHC for re-grant awards.
 3. NJHC would like a re-grant program in all counties.
 4. The demographic analysis, public outreach and increased public programming will require an additional staff person for successful GOS / re-grant program funding.

Concerns should be clearly communicated to Sara Cureton, and the possibilities of a Morris County funded program be explored.

Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Morris, Secretary

The next Commission meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.**
at the County Library.

Please inform Ms. Shultz if you are unable to attend.