

**Morris County Heritage Commission
2017 Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2017**

Present: Kathy Murphy, John Dunado, Epsey Farrell, Larry Fast, Martin Kane, Joyce Kanigel, Joseph Macasek, Archivist/Acting Director Margaret Shultz, and Archives Technician Amanda Hefferan.

Absent: Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Kathy Fisher

Call to order: Chair Murphy called the meeting to order at the Morris County Library at 9:35 a.m. She read the Open Public Meeting Statement.

Minutes: The minutes for January 13, 2017, were accepted as amended

Financial Report: Ms. Shultz said she expects the budget approval in March or April. There was a \$5,000 transfer to pay bills.

Chair Report: There was no Freeholders Report. Chair Murphy noted the passing of former MCHC Archivist David Mitros and thanked all of the MCHC members who attended his wake and funeral. There was a discussion of donating to the Steelworkers Archives in David's memory. A memorial program was given for the MCHC files thanks to Commissioner Farrell. Chair Murphy noted that there would be a need to update the Library of Congress on David's death date for the books he authored. Commissioner Dunado will look into this. The Morris County Historic Preservation Trust grant letter of intent will be due next month. It was noted the church lawsuit against the Trust found in their favor, but an appeal is expected to be filed.

Archivist/Acting Director's Report: See the Archivist/Acting Director Report attached to the meeting package.

- Ms. Shultz is writing to the municipality of Riverdale regarding Slater's Mill. The structure needs to be documented before it is demolished.
- Thirty (30) people have registered for the Local History Symposium sponsored by the Canal Society of New Jersey and the Heritage Commission.
- The Wharton American Legion will host a WWI Commemoration event on Saturday, April 1, 2017, from 1 - 4 pm. Ms. Shultz will attend and talk about the WW1 memorials in Morris County.

Committee reports:

Archives: Kathy Murphy and Joe Macasek, Co-Chairs. See Archivist/Acting Director's report above and attached.

- No report.

Grants/Re-grants: Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Chair. See Archivist/Acting Director's report attached.

- The Boonton grant award for Boonton Twp. is in danger of being canceled due to their failing to send the necessary paperwork. Chair Murphy will reach out to Boonton. If the award is canceled, Ms. Shultz asked that the MCHC considers having the money go to the DAR project.

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

- The Long Range Plan Committee met last week to update the bylaws, including the mission statement and qualifications of board members. The last update was made was in 2004. The question of retaining the County Historian position was raised. Vice Chair Fast proposed creating a History subcommittee while maintaining a named Historian as point person.

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

- The Florham historic site marker has been delivered to the MCHC office. It was agreed to unpack and review the marker immediately following the meeting before all the commissioners depart.

Personnel: Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Chair. See Archivist/Acting Director's Report.

- A request was made to the Freeholders in the annual budget to change Amanda's status from part time to full time and to hire a part-time Programs/History Coordinator.

Public Programs/Exhibits: Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Chair. See Archivist/Acting Director's report.

- Commissioner Macasek: The Symposium is scheduled for March 25, 2017, and will be held at the Haggerty Education Center at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum. Presenters are needed.
- Vice Chair Fast notes a second airing of the *Saving the Great Swamp* film on Thursday, March 2, 2017, at 6 pm at the Morris Museum. PBS has made a commitment to broadcast the film with local station Channel 13 getting the first opportunity to air the program.

Publications: John Dunado, Chair. No Report

- A late spring goal for the next *Heritage Review* was discussed along with potential articles.

Correspondence: No correspondence was received.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted ,
John Dunado, Secretary

The next Commission meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at 9:30 a.m.**
in the Commission Conference Room at the County Library.

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