

Minutes for February 1, 2017 NJLA History & Preservation Section Meeting held at Morris County Library, Whippany, NJ.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM. In attendance were Section officers Carolyn Dorsey, Tom Anker, Ken Kaufman, and Deb Schiff. Also in attendance were Bruce Bardarik, John Beekman, Colleen Goode, Sarah Hull, Richetta Wilson Lobban, Nancy Madacsi, Paul Martinez, Jessica Myers, and Gary Saretzky.

Introductions were made along with a brief update on acquisitions, grants received, digitization projects, exhibits, and programs at individual institutions. Additionally, John reported on a three month closure of the New Jersey Room at Jersey City Free Public Library due to continuing renovation work, and Nancy had CAPES evaluations at her historical societies. A few libraries had recently acquired digital microfilm scanners.

President's Report

Carolyn thanked those who helped her with the three recent programs sponsored by the Section. The events netted over \$750 for NJLA.

Vice President's Report

Tom received approval for four Section sponsored programs at the NJLA Annual Conference. They are "Bringing History Alive: History Programming and Exhibits", "Look What I Found in the Attic: Organizing an Archival Collection", "Historic Maps in Public Libraries", and "NJ Authors Speak". He thanked fellow members who are program participants. Jessica named the "NJ Authors Speak" participants: Dr. Richard Veit, David Veasey, and Dr. Paul G. E. Clemens.

Committee Reports

Gary said the Archives Committee has accumulated three manuscript boxes of materials, including most of the newsletters. He is working on a finding aid, and is seeking additional materials. Deb will forward some PDF files in her possession.

Carolyn shared a copy of the bylaws with proposed revisions and edits. She asked the group to review it, and contact her with any additions. There was discussion on how and when to put it up for a vote.

Paul updated on the activities of the Professional Development/Continuing Education Committee. After the success of our three sponsored programs, he is seeking to schedule new ones in the fall. According to feedback from the membership survey conducted last year, digitization was the most popular topic of interest. He will consider this and some of the other top responses. A general discussion explored whether the programs should focus on Section or general membership needs. Carolyn felt the default should be for a Section focus, while any wider reach would merit a co-sponsor opportunity.

Sarah thanked those who contributed to the latest issue of "The Chronicle", which is due out at the end of March. After three years as editor, she will be turning over the responsibility to Colleen. Thank you Sarah for a job well done!

Ken presented the October 5, 2016 minutes for review. Tom motioned and Gary seconded that the minutes be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

Deb announced the Awards Committee is still seeking nominations. Jessica will submit one before the deadline.

John relayed news from the Social Media Committee from Danny Klein. The Facebook page has 123 likes and a 98% follow rate. Please send Danny your local history announcements for posting.

New Business

Carolyn is seeking volunteers to staff the Section table at the Annual Conference. The table will be equipped with a tri-fold display and brochures. Several members at the meeting committed to volunteering. A key goal for the initiative is to attract new members. The need for a recruitment strategy was discussed. Tom intends to highlight this next year, and Carolyn is open to receiving membership feedback on it now.

Carolyn presented the nomination slate for 2017/2018 officers, which will be forwarded to NJLA to prepare a ballot. This year, the election process will be uniform across all sections.

Adjournment

Without objections, the meeting was adjourned 10:35 PM.

The meeting was followed by a tour of the Morris County Archives by Peg Schultz and Morris County Library local history collection by Miriam Kornblatt. Thank you both for your hospitality.

Submitted by Ken Kaufman.