

History and Preservation Section
Regular Section Meeting
Monday, January 24, 2022
Online via Zoom Platform

Attendees: Beth Zak-Cohen, Richetta Wilson-Lobban, Fred Pachman, Ken Kaufman, Jessica Myers, Laura Poll, Mary Boykoff, John Beekman, Colleen Goode, Tom Anker, Gary Saretzky, Tara Maharjan, Kathlyn Kelly, Sarah Hull, Jacqueline Silver-Morillo, Elsalyn Palmisano, Randall

The meeting was opened at approximately 2:00 p.m. by Beth Zak-Cohen, president.

Minutes from the last general meeting, October 18, 2021, were put on the table to be approved. Beth Zak-Cohen motioned to vote on the approval of the minutes and the group voted and the minutes were approved.

President's Report: Beth Zak-Cohen

The NJLA Archives Committee met and is working on a plan for the NJLA Archives especially Sarah Hull and Fred Pachman

Fred Pachman reported that Dag Bowman, a retired NJLA President, library director, and archivist of the Morris County Historical Society, donated \$300,000 to NJLA. The organization can do whatever they want with it.

Vice President's Report: Richetta Wilson-Lobban

Four of the five proposals submitted were accepted for the NJLA conference.

We co-sponsoring with anyone on any of these programs to boost attendance.

Awards Committee Updates, Asking for Nominations - Ken

Susan Schwartzberg award

- Deadline April 1st
- Looking for nominations
- When nominating someone, do not respond to the announcement

Roger McDonough award

- Deadline August 1st
- Librarianship Award

Web/Social Media Report - Kathlyn Kelly

- 224 followers on Facebook (FB)
- For announcements to FB page: Kkelly@sclibnj.org

Other Business

The Chronicle

- The deadline is February 20th
- Contact: Colleen Goode
- Submissions can be sent at any time to cgoode@theoceancountylibrary.org

ALA's Preservation Week

- 2022: April 24–April 30
- Need ideas for participation

Member Updates:

Gary Saretzky – Zoom Meeting on 19th Century New Jersey Women Photographers on January 27, 2022, for the Museum of Early Trades & Crafts

Jessica Myers – Author Talk

- Historical true crime novel about murder in New Jersey
- First state to have slavery was NJ, and the last state to make it illegal

Colleen Goode - Nothing to report at this time

Fred Pachman - Nothing to report at this time

Jacqueline Silver-Morillo – NJLA Conference session: Grants as Opportunities for Growth - In this session, the Atlantic City Free Public Library illustrates how we embraced opportunity to realize longstanding projects with grants using three examples that helped us accomplish what we already planned to do - how we used the grants to our benefit, the programs created, the goals achieved, and challenges encountered.

John Beekman – The Van Wagenen House also known as the Apple Tree House is being turned into a museum is a National Historic Landmark located at 298 Academy Street in Jersey City.

Kathlyn Kelly - Nothing to report at this time

Ken Kaufman - We're working together in Somerset County on our local History Collections, just identifying and inventorying those non book things that are hanging around. It's like this great snapshot of what old homes existed at that time, and I'm looking forward to getting that digitized.

Laura Poll – Still working on HVAC

Mary Boykoff - Nothing to report at this time

Randall - I publish a lot of photographs on Facebook from our archives. We have been getting a nice response from the community of people. There is no official way to capture information.

Richetta Wilson-Lobban - Nothing to report at this time

Sarah Hull -

- Genealogy club: Angela Y. Walton-Raji, notable genealogist and author, will be presenting a program on finding Native American and African American families
- Saturday morning history chat: Martin Cox and his son is doing a father and son lecture on black history and the black experience in Plainfield
- Three-year project digitizing 300 Plainfield Police Department Ledgers

Tara Maharjan -

- The New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance has just shared their spring calendar of events, and the normal business meetings with presentations are in February and April, and in May.

(<https://www.facebook.com/NewJerseyStudiesAcademicAlliance/photos/a.624475697607320/4623973260990857/>)

- They'll be co-sponsoring a talk with special collections in University Archives at Rutgers to have Peter Walsh come and speak about his new book, which is about murder.
- We continue to move our collections off site
- More newspapers did get posted to the New Jersey Digital Newspaper Project which is the Chronicling America Library of Congress project (https://blogs.libraries.rutgers.edu/njdnp/2022/01/19/five-mile-beach-journal-penns-grove-record-mount-holly-news-and-pleasantville-weekly-press-are-live/?fbclid=IwAR1NgG_ZSA8t8wDwCijgpMkZXuau-YfDEZhVjJJ6-JS26H9imYOEMZgdjvs)

Tom Anker -

- Cecil Dorrian: Woman War Correspondent and Columnist for the Newark Evening News, 1914-1926 – Zoom meeting, January 25th
- Co-sponsoring a program that is being run by the East Brunswick Public Library. Neal Stoffers is the speaker. He will be talking about a book he wrote a few years ago about an early Chinese immigrant community in North Arlington, and Bellville area; Hervey's Boys: New Jersey's First Chinese Community, 1870-1886 - January 26th

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.