

Minutes for July 19, 2017 NJLA History & Preservation Section Meeting held at Ridgewood Public Library, Ridgewood, NJ.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM. In attendance were Section officers Tom Ankner, Nancy Madacsi, Ken Kaufman, and Carolyn Dorsey. Also in attendance were Bruce Bardarik, Annamarie Klose Hrubes, Sarah Hull, Sarah Kiefer, Danny Klein, Susan Kurzmann, Richetta Wilson Lobban, Eileen Morales, Jessica Myers, and Deb Schiff.

Introductions were made.

Ken presented the April 25, 2017 minutes for review. Carolyn motioned and Sarah seconded that the minutes be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Tom welcomed everyone. He and Nancy have been working on the program line up for the conference. They will be attending the NJLA leadership meeting later this month.

Vice President's Report

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Committee Reports

Constitution and bylaws – Carolyn is working on revisions, particularly new language on the professional development committee. The description will define the boundaries between the non-conference work of this committee and the conference work of the Vice President.

Professional development – Sarah is planning on scheduling at least two programs for the Fall or Winter. She wants to hear from the membership on potential topics of interest. Meeting suggestions included digitization, essential archival processing, and reference topics.

Social Media – Danny said that our Facebook page is up to 139 likes and followers. Please add your name to the list if you haven't already. Keep in mind that the page provides members an opportunity to promote their local history activities.

Archive – Tom shared a progress report from Gary Saretzky, committee head. Jennifer Gundry processed three manuscript boxes of material that Gary collected from various members. Gary and Jennifer created a finding aid for the collection.

New Business

Nancy introduced some H&P programs ideas for the NJLA Annual Conference next year, including digitization on the dime, volunteers and interns, effective and inexpensive displays and exhibits, the author's program, and fundraising for a project (such as the Rutgers grant for newspaper digitization). The group provided feedback on potential topics and presenters. We are still seeking potential presenters that fit these topic areas.

Tom is scheduling a visit to Innovative Document Imaging in East Brunswick later this year. Participants will be able to witness a busy commercial digitization operation.

Deb introduced the work of the Lone Arrangers Section of the Society of American Archivists (SAA). They offer educational and network support to archivists who work alone or in small staff situations. Online learning is available by subscribing to their listserv at the SAA site. Contact Deb with any feedback or questions.

Next meeting: Monmouth County Library on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 11:30am.

Announcements

Meeting participants discussed projects, exhibits, and events at their organizations. Projects included oral histories, digitization efforts, a finding aid collaborative, and newly processed archival collections.

Jersey City Free Public Library is seeking fundraising help on obtaining continued access rights to their Jersey Journal Historical Archive. For details, visit their webpage at <http://www.jclibrary.org/jjarchive>.

Plainfield Public Library is hosting the Tri-County History Fair on September 30th. Maxine Lurie of Seton Hall and Eugene Armstead of the Afro American Historical & Genealogical Society are the scheduled speakers. History organizations can reserve a table to promote their activities.

There were 80+ attendees at the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) Symposium last month. Many participants volunteered for working groups in the areas of technology, metadata, outreach, and governance. The executive committee has been revamped, and the working groups will be convening in September.

Adjournment

Ken motioned for adjournment with a second from Danny. Without objections, the meeting adjourned at 11:18 AM.

The meeting was followed by a tour of the Bolger Heritage Center at Ridgewood Public Library, which was led by Local History Librarian, Sarah Kiefer. Thanks for showing us your wonderful collection!

Submitted by Ken Kaufman.