

Minutes for July 27, 2015 NJLA History & Preservation Section Meeting held at The Bunn Library at The Lawrenceville School, Lawrenceville, NJ.

The Princeton Preservation Group was a co-sponsor.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:20 AM. In attendance were Section President Deb Schiff, Vice President/President Elect Carolyn Dorsey, Secretary Ken Kaufman, and Members at-Large Helen Beckert and Tim Corlis.

Also in attendance were E. Kim Adams, Tom Ankner, Bruce Bardarik, Adele Barree, Matt Callahan, Bob Egan, Trish Goodall, Jacqueline Haun, Sarah Hull, Amy Kimura, Danny Klein, Nancy Madacsi, Wayne T. McCabe, Kathleen Melgar, Jessica Myers, Gary Saretzky, and Bob Stewart.

Introductions were made.

Old Business (moved forward for time considerations)

A discussion and vote was conducted on approving four proposed changes to the bylaws. These changes were: 1) adding membership of the NJLA Archives and History Committee to the presidential and vice presidential duties, 2) altering the nominations and elections procedure, 3) lengthening the bylaws and constitution review period, and 4) creating web presence duties and office. Motions for approval were made by Kim on item 1, Sarah on item 2, Kim on item 3, and Helen on item 4, and seconded by Sarah on item 1, Kim on item 2, Sarah on item 3, and Tim on item 4. The members present approved all items unanimously.

A proposal on establishing a section archive with duties and office was tabled for a future meeting. Deb will reintroduce the idea for discussion soon.

Minutes

Minutes of June 1, 2015 were reviewed. Two changes were required to correct clerical errors. Jessica motioned and Sarah seconded that the minutes with changes be accepted. The motion passed.

Committee Reports

Sarah, as Editor, reminded the group of the new publication schedule for "The Chronicle". The next deadline for submitting information on exhibits and events is September 21st. Our Facebook page is up to 67 "likes".

Carolyn asked for program ideas from the membership. The Program Committee has a preliminary list of topic ideas, including the author's panel, oral history projects, starting a local history collection at a small library, and introductory preservation techniques. Discussion from Kim and Deb focused on expanding a preservation workshop into two programs, one basic and another intermediate in scope. Deb expressed a potential for having programs such as these

available throughout the year. Adele mentioned that Technical Services Section was planning a program on book repair, which could become a co-sponsorship opportunity. Additional topics on digitization and youth programs were introduced.

Danny said the Awards Committee has some nominees for the 2016 Susan Schwartzburg award from last year's list, but would welcome the addition of new nominees. For learning more about the award criteria and submitting a nomination, please refer to our Section webpage, as follows: <http://nijlmembers.org/content/susan-swartzburg-award>

Ken will be updating the bylaws with the approved language and posting the revised document at the Section website.

Deb asked for volunteers to join Jessica on the Nominating Committee. She also is looking for one to become the first Web Presence Coordinator.

New Business

Deb provided the latest happenings with NJLA's 125th anniversary celebration. NJLA formally established a 125th Anniversary Task Force, which includes four H&P volunteers (whom earlier expressed interest in an ad hoc committee). The Task Force has yet to meet, but plans are in the works.

Bob Egan offered to donate Section materials for the NJLA archive from when he was H&P President. He will bring them to the NJLA office the next time he is in Trenton.

Deb reviewed the points surrounding the creation of the NJLA Archives and History Committee. NJLA Executive Board established it. Our Section will automatically contribute members from our Presidential and Vice Presidential offices (see item 1 in the above Old Business section). No meeting date for the group has yet been set.

Announcements

Tim mentioned that the "Art of Healing" exhibit at Rutgers University Archives & Special Collections has been extended to September 5th.

Adele reported that Technical Services Section will be touring Rutgers University Archives & Special Collections some evening in mid-November. H&P members are welcome to join the tour. She will forward tour details to Deb when they are known. Technical Services is also conducting a book repair workshop. It will be on Monday, November 2nd at Bridgewater Public Library.

Wayne informed the group of Sussex County History Day, hosted by the Sussex County Historical Society. The program will be held in the gymnasium of Sussex County Community College on Saturday, September 19th from 9AM to 3PM. There will be exhibits from 34 different history organizations, as well as Civil War reenactments.

Kim announced that Rutgers received grant funding for participating in the NEH/ALA programming initiative, "Latino Americans: 500 Years of History". She is looking for artists to help create displays.

Danny updated us on the status of the renovation at Jersey City Free Public Library. Construction is ongoing, but the New Jersey Room is now open most of the time. Periodically, renovation activities may cause a closing. Check the website or call for the latest status. A new elevator and compact shelving will be the main benefits to the New Jersey Room from this undertaking.

Carolyn announced the retirement of Maria Norton, Director of The Morristown and Morris Township Library. Maria served 48 years with the library, starting as a shelver during her teenage years.

Adjournment

Without objections, the meeting was adjourned 10:11 AM.

Photo Preservation Workshop and Bunn Library & Archive Tour

The meeting was followed by a photo preservation workshop by Peter Mustardo of The Better Image and a tour of The Bunn Library (featuring the archive of The Lawrenceville School) by Jacqueline Haun.

Submitted by Ken Kaufman, 2 Oct 2015