

Minutes for March 21, 2019 NJLA History & Preservation Section Meeting held at Ciarco Learning Center, Home of the Bergen County Historical Society Library, Hackensack, NJ.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM. In attendance were Section officers Tom Ankner, Sarah Hull, Nancy Madasci, and Ken Kaufman. Also in attendance were Kim Adams, John Beekman, Colleen Goode, Sarah Kiefer, Richetta Wilson Lobban, Jessica Myers, and Lynn Schott.

Introductions were made.

Ken presented the January 16, 2019 minutes for review. Richetta motioned and Jessica seconded that the minutes be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Tom announced that space is still available for our continuing education program at Plainfield Public Library on March 26th. The program, "Identifying New Jersey Architectural Styles", will be presented by Janet Foster, an architectural historian.

Vice President's Report

Sarah provided a handout describing our sponsored and co-sponsored programs at this year's annual conference. Sponsored programs are "Is My House Haunted? House History Research", "What Do We Do With This? Managing Born Digital Records", and "Exploring Our Past: African American Genealogy". These programs are scheduled for Thursday, May 29th. The co-sponsored program, "How to Run a Successful Volunteer Program", is set for Friday, May 30th.

Committee Reports

Awards – A nominee has been approved for the Susan Swartzburg Award, which will be announced at the annual conference.

Social Media – Danny sent Tom statistics on our Facebook site for the period February 20th through March 19th. It generated 4 views and 2 likes. Posts reached 692 people and produced 141 likes, comments, or shares. A post concerning a crash course on New Jersey history reached the most viewers.

Archives – Gary sent Tom a status report. A volunteer has been processing the History & Bibliography Section records, and should complete it by the end of May. The guide to the collection will be updated.

"The Chronicle" deadline is March 29th. Some articles have already been submitted.

Bylaws – Proposed changes, which Ken sent to the membership via the listserv two weeks earlier, were discussed. The group agreed to hold a vote on the changes at our next meeting,

and formal notification for the vote will be e-mailed to members in April at least a month in advance of the meeting.

New Business

Kim discussed her involvement with the NJ Women Vote initiative, and recommended we coordinate with it. The New Jersey Historical Commission in partnership with the Alice Paul Institute will mark the centennial of woman's suffrage in 2020 with "NJ Women Vote: the Nineteenth Amendment at 100", which will include a year-long series of events, projects, and programs. Event planning is being conducted by a state-wide committee comprised of members from history and cultural organizations, women's groups, government agencies, libraries, and higher education institutions. For more details, visit the website at <http://discovernjhistory.org/njwomenvote2020/>. This effort is a prime candidate for inspiring Section activity, particularly at the NJLA Conference, whether it is a sponsored program next year or included in a poster session this year.

Announcements

Due to an abbreviated schedule, there were no announcements.

Adjournment

Ken motioned for adjournment with a second from Nancy. Without objections, the meeting adjourned at 10:58 AM.

After the meeting, we visited the Bergen County Historical Society Library, housed in the Ciarco Learning Center. Thanks to Lucille Bertram and Peggy Norris for sharing some of local history and genealogical holdings at the library.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 30th at the NJLA Annual Conference in Atlantic City.

Submitted by Ken Kaufman