

Minutes for May 30, 2019 NJLA History & Preservation Section Meeting held at Harrah's Convention Center, Atlantic City, NJ.

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 PM. In attendance were Section officers Tom Ankner, Sarah Hull, and Ken Kaufman. Also in attendance were Kim Adams, Ingrid Betancourt, Caitlyn Cook, Don Cornelius, Alan Delozier, Anne Fernandez-Puente, Colleen Goode, Hannah Kerwin, Danny Klein, Elizabeth McDermott, Lindsey Meyer, Jessica Myers, Jacquelyn Oshman, Elsalyn Palmisano, Heather Perez, Laura Poll, Gary Saretzky, Katherine Vander Wende, Matheson Westlake, and Beth Zak-Cohen.

Introductions were made.

Ken presented the March 21, 2019 minutes for review. Elsalyn motioned and Gary seconded that the minutes be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Tom thanked the membership for their support during his tenure as President.

Office holders for the 2019 - 2020 year will be, as follows:

Sarah Hull -- President
Ken Kaufman -- Vice President
Richetta Wilson Lobban -- Secretary
Sarah Kiefer -- Member-at-large
Jessica Myers -- Member-at-large
Gary Saretzky -- Member-at-large

Vice President's Report

Sarah discussed our program offerings at the conference. The house history and born digital programs were morning session successes. Our program on African American genealogy is scheduled for 3:10pm. On Friday, May 31st, our co-sponsored session on volunteer programs will occur at 2:30pm.

She is looking forward to a successful new year, and is seeking input for places to meet and visit.

Committee Reports

Awards – The 2019 Susan Swartzburg Award will be presented tonight at the awards ceremony. Jessica called for Section attendance at the ceremony, particularly from former Swartzburg Award recipients.

Social Media – Danny provided the latest statistics for our Facebook page. Posts reached 503 people and produced 161 shares, likes, and comments. The most popular posts were announcements for H&P sponsored programs at the conference.

Archives – Gary reported that all records from the History & Bibliography Section have been processed and integrated into the overall collection. The archives location at Monmouth County Archives is temporary, so we will need to find a new location.

Newsletter – Colleen thanked all contributors to the latest issue of “The Chronicle”. The deadline for the next issue is June 27th.

New Business

A vote was conducted regarding the proposed changes to Section bylaws. The result was unanimous in accepting the changes.

Announcements

Each meeting participant discussed projects, exhibits, and events at her respective organization. Upcoming local history events were among the highlights. Kim promoted the NJ Women Vote 2020 website (<http://discovernjhistory.org/njwomenvote2020/>) as a resource for libraries to participate in the centennial celebration next year. Sarah announced that the Tri-County History Fair will be held on September 28th at Plainfield Public Library, while Gary discussed the 24th annual Archives and History Day to be held on October 12th at the Monmouth County Library. Don mentioned that the next MARAC Conference will be in Cambridge, MD from November 7th through the 9th.

Adjournment

Without objections, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Ken Kaufman.