

Minutes for October 11, 2017 NJLA History & Preservation Section Meeting held at Monmouth County Library, Manalapan, NJ.

The meeting was called to order at 11:54 AM. In attendance were Section officers Tom Ankner, Nancy Madacsi, and Ken Kaufman. Also in attendance were Annamarie Klose Hrubes, Mary Hussey, Sarah Kiefer, Richetta Wilson Lobban, Fred Pachman, Elsalyn Palmisano, and Gary Saretzky.

Introductions were made.

Ken presented the July 19, 2017 minutes for review. Elsalyn motioned and Richetta seconded that the minutes be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Tom has been meeting on program planning. He also arranged a joint field trip with NJ Caucus of MARAC on December 8th. The group will be visiting the American Labor Museum and the Cheng Library of William Paterson University in Passaic County. The Cheng Library tour will feature the special collections and archives room, the Askew Room of books on New Jersey history, and the Digitization Center.

Vice President's Report

Nancy will submit six program proposals to the Conference Committee. The group gave suggestions for potential panel participants.

Committee Reports

By laws – Revision work continues.

Professional Development – Two sponsored programs are scheduled for the term. The first is a genealogy workshop on November 15th, led by Jane Thoner at Plainfield Public Library. The second is “Archival Basics: Tools for the Unexpected Archivist”, presented by Tim Corlis and Erika Gorder at Rutgers Alexander Library on March 7, 2018.

Social Media – Our Facebook page had 10 views and 4 new likes over the past month. There were informative posts covering local history events and author book talks.

Archive – Gary reported on the creation of the New Jersey Library Association History & Preservation Section Collection. Mary Hussey and Jennifer Gundry processed 1.2 linear feet (3 manuscript boxes) of material collected from various members. Gary and Jennifer created a finding aid for the collection, which will be uploaded to the NJLA website. The collection is currently housed at Monmouth County Archives, but a question remains of where it will be placed permanently. Finding a future location was discussed.

Awards – The call for the Susan Swartzburg Award candidates will go out soon. Gary mentioned that Tom Frusciano is the 2017 recipient of the Roger H. McDonough Librarianship Award.

New Business

Updates from affiliate groups – Fred and Elsalyn requested that we resume having updates from MARAC and the State Library as part of the meeting agenda.

Announcements

Participants discussed materials acquisitions, projects, exhibits, and events at their organizations. Several events involved the WWI centennial observances. October was a busy time for annual history and author events.

Digital Library of America (DPLA) – Annamarie gave an update on the New Jersey-Delaware DPLA Project. She is part of the Metadata Working Group and Ken is on the Outreach/Promotion Working Group. All working groups are contributing to an application for joining DPLA.

Adjournment

Gary motioned for adjournment with a second from Tom. Without objections, the meeting adjourned at 12:41 PM.

The meeting was preceded by a lecture from Monmouth County Archives Record Analyst, George Joynson, on Monmouth County inventors and their US patents. Following the meeting, Edward Eckert, Corporate Archivist of Nokia Bell Labs, reviewed the many technological innovations of the organization.

Next meeting: Elizabeth Public Library on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 10am.

Submitted by Ken Kaufman