

Historical Committee
Minutes of the August 13, 2014 Meeting

Attendance: B. Diem, L. Franklin, B. Aldrich, S. Tucker, D. Addario, L. Stahl,
D. Beck-Clemens, Liaison

Presiding: S. Tucker, Chairperson. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

The minutes of the July 9, 2014 meeting were approved.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – S. Tucker

Sue spoke about Watchung History Day and handed out a list of exhibits to be completed. The list of exhibits include: the Parlin journal which we just have to decide what to do with; the video which we'll have completed sections; the school display (which is on hold). Maddie has been away and hasn't completed it yet. The flood project will be worked on; we have several pictures to print for a display; the Sept. 11 display is completed; the Star Spangled Banner project is completed; and the "then and now" business project is waiting for frames and the pictures to be printed. Included in the list are the outside activities which include: the table at the entrance with handouts and maps; the Fire Department Mack '49 display that Robbie will be at; the Rescue Squad table and rig; the table with Justin's books; the PTO table; Garden Club table; old fashioned games on the lawn, i.e., croquet, bocce, badminton; Historic Folk music; Cub and Boy Scouts will be selling hot dogs, apple crisp, and giving out drinks (ice tea and lemonade); the farm tool display; Ralph's tractor which Ralph will be at; and the vintage ice cream truck (not definite yet).

Sue reported that Chris has been working on his project and that the Fire Department interviews are done. Chris went back over Steve's interview and added some pictures. Sue will get pictures made from Justin's drop box (i.e. pictures of the businesses).

We spoke about Justin's book. Sue thinks that the castle should be in the book and that there are a few things we missed. She would like everyone to take a look at it and give her comments.

The Committee came up with a list of volunteers that we can call on to help us on Watchung History Day (and for future events):

Al and Fran Ellis- Diddy will call	<u>Kids</u>
Jean Weiler- Bette Jean will call	Julie (re-enactor) – Sue
Denise Baldwin Quarantello- Sue	Chris VanderFleet - Sue
Michelle Aldrich – Bette Jean	
Ruth Allen – Bette Jean	
Roseanne Barr – Bette Jean	
Karen and John Pennett – Lynn Stahl	
MaryAnn Cuberlie – Sue	
Jolee Harvanik – Bette Jean	
Phyllis Jewett – Dianna	

Mary Ciccolella - Sue

Lonnie Vott – Sue

Florence Larkin- Sue

Sue Forton – Sue

Barbara Hoffman – Barbara

Dianna told us that we can have associate members of the Historical Committee. We decided that we will begin by asking the above list of people to help out and we will think about having associate members sometime in the future.

Dianna thinks everyone should get a personal phone call. Dianna asked how long a shift will be. The event is from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., so 2 ½ hour shifts will be good. We should ask people if they have a preference as to the time of their shift.

Sue advised us that she has Justin lined up to at Watchung History Day.

Lynn Franklin asked if we have plates left over from last year and Sue reported that we do have a lot of the plates left from last year.

We discussed staffing for the following dates for the Texier House:

August 17 – Sue Tucker and Lynn Stahl

Sept. 7 – We'll ask Rick and Betse if they can be there

Sept. 20 – day of Fishing Derby (9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.) We think the Texier House should be open from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lynn Franklin and Lynn Stahl will staff that day. We need to have a notice put on the website that the Texier House will be open that day.

FINANCIAL MANAGER'S REPORT-L. Franklin

L. Franklin reported that there was a \$50 check and \$20 in cash in the donation jar. The \$50 check was for a Watchung throw and the \$20 was from Rocky Ruggerio for a Hillcrest Road book. Lynn reported that there is nothing new in the budget that the borough has for us. The Borough budget is \$7683.36. Our balance in the Watchung Community Foundation budget is \$14,132.54. Lynn advised us that Rick submitted a bill for lights; Lynn just received it the other day. Sue asked about the sleeves for the fluorescent lights. Lynn will check into this.

Last month Lynn mentioned the write up about the Veterans; she has forwarded it to Sue. Lynn spoke about the flags outside of the Texier House and that some are missing. When she was trying to find the flags, she talked to the DPW about the loose sign at the entrance to the driveway. The DPW has fixed the sign and Lynn has written a thank you note to Art for fixing the sign. Lynn will not be able to attend the Cultural and Heritage Meeting on Oct. 1st because she has a previous commitment. Sue said she will attend in Lynn's place.

LIAISON'S REPORT-D. Beck-Clemens

Dianna spoke about talking to Michelle, Bill Hance and Shelini about what we should do with our materials. Bill will establish an e-mail site: historic@watchungnj.gov and everyone will e-mail all information to this e-mail address. A password will be established. It's a free site which holds up to 10 megabytes and is good for documents, but not for pictures and videos.

Rick sent out the Collections Policy 2014 (see copy attached). There are some typos that need to be fixed. Dianna questioned the collection of a donated item with a monetary value of \$10 in it. The Committee recommended a value of \$100 rather than a value of \$10 be put in the policy. We will send our comments to Rick and ask him to discuss it at our next meeting.

We discussed getting a printer/scanner/copier. We didn't decide whether it's best to buy one or rent one.

OLD BUSINESS

Sue told the committee that she got an e-mail from Acadia Press, the company that published David Page's book asking if we'd be interested in doing a second Watchung book. Barbara suggested that we have Acadia Press do it rather than us. Justin's book is separate. Sue expressed wanting to do a book on early families of Watchung.

Lynn S. handed out the Texier House Museum Inventory containing the sports articles collected by Walter Pennett.

We discussed the video project and Sue advised that we might need to buy equipment for the video project, Reflections of Watchung. Chris is trying to get a few parts ready. The plaque has been done; it's hanging up by the door. We still need to install the light covers on the fluorescent lights.

Dianna suggested that Watchung History Day get put on the main page of the Watchung website. Sue said we can advertise it and do a flyer to give out at the Fishing Derby. Dianna said we can ask Linda Monetti for a sandwich board sign to be put out at the circle. Barbara will look at the banner. Sue said we have parking signs. She has spoken to Chief Cina about police requirements for that day. We have to obtain fire permits through Gary Greeves. We need a park permit (Linda can obtain that). We may need a permit from the Board of Health in order to sell ice cream. Sue advised us that we did this last year in the amount of \$1000.

NEW BUSINESS

Thank you notes- Barbara said that Diddy gave her the list of everyone who has donated anything to the Texier House. Barbara suggested we write a form thank you letter and send a letter out to each person who donated to the Historical Committee.

We talked about name tags for the Committee. The prices are between \$8 and \$10 each. The tags work with a magnet. We discussed how we each want our name to appear: Barbara Diem, Lynn M.K. Franklin, Dorothy Addario, Richard Stomber, Betty Black, Betse Titus, and Lynn Stahl. Barbara and Betty Jean will go and order the name tags and use their judgment as to the type to order. It was suggested that they order more magnets than tags since the magnets tend to get lost.

Barbara said that we desperately need a new sign outside. She was given a book by Linda with different designs and she will look at it.

Dianna advised us that the DPW was going to meet tomorrow to prioritize a list on what needs to be done in town. She will let us know after the meeting where the Texier House is on the list. Lynn F. asked about weed control. Dianna will find out and let us know about the weed control and killing the poison ivy.

Barbara asked Dianna to help her with the Deed of Gift for John Eaton. Sue will send the letter to Dianna. The matter has to be researched and then a letter will be sent.

Sue mentioned that she saw the John Kraft talk on the list Lynn F. sent from the Cultural and Heritage Committee. He is an expert on the Lenni Lenapes. Sue called and inquired about the process we would need to do to get him to come and give a talk. She found out a \$50 application fee must be sent. We decided that Spring, 2015 would be a good time to try to arrange for him to come. Possible sites would be the Arts Center, Valley View or Bayberry School. She asked for everyone's permission to contact him and send in a \$50 check. The Committee all agreed that Sue do so.

We scheduled work sessions for 8/19 at 10:00 a.m. to do thank you notes, 8/21 at 10:00 a.m. to frame pictures and 8/26 at 1:00 p.m. for signage for Watchung History Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Submitted by
Lynn Stahl
Interim Secretary

NEXT MEETING:
September 10, 2014

Attachment
Watchung Historical Collections Policy 2014