

Historical Committee
Minutes of the April 27, 2015 Meeting

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

Presiding: B. Diem and B. Aldrich, Co-Chairpersons.

A special meeting was requested by Lynn Franklin because she will not be able to attend the May meeting, and she wanted to report on information about Veteran's Day.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Barbara reported that the Committee received a thank you note from Ginny Cooper for the flowers that were sent by the Committee when Les Cooper passed away.

Betty Jean reported that she received Fire Department wine glasses from Ruth Chalker. Lynn F. will send her a thank you note. Lynn sent a thank you note to Dave Haupp for the picture painted by Dot Kenney. She also sent a thank you note to Jean Miller for the song.

FINANCIAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Lynn Franklin reported that our Borough budget is \$1890.14 and that our Watchung Community Foundation budget is \$14,267.56. Lynn also reported that we have not received any donations. She has had various invoices paid for items such as drop box, sleeve protectors, etc. out of the Borough budget.

Lynn F. spoke about Veteran's Day. So far Lynn S. and she have gathered 7 veteran's names. Lynn F. advised the Committee that she spoke to Greg from the monument store about the plaque. The plaque will cost approximately \$3,000 to take off the Taps plaque and replace it with a larger plaque. The larger plaque is 24" x 36" or there is a smaller one that is 24" x 24"; the cost of which would be \$2,000. The Committee put it to a vote and decided to get the larger plaque (24" x 36"). The vote was unanimous. The \$3,000 includes putting the names on the plaque. It will be a bronze plaque. The Committee discussed various titles for the different wars/conflicts that are involved, and Dianna said that she would check on how the plaque should be labeled about the various wars/conflicts. She then called retired Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Piazze and found out that it should be labeled "Post 9/11." The Committee agreed upon that label. Lynn advised the Committee that it will cost \$100 to take the Taps sign off and add it to a rock. If we want to use granite with the Taps plaque, it would cost \$400. It would be 16" wide by 22" high and about 6" thick. The Committee decided to keep the Taps plaque. Betse made a motion that we put the Taps plaque on granite and the Committee unanimously voted in favor of that. Barbara mentioned that she has names to be added to the plaque.

OLD BUSINESS

Dianna reported that Maddie Quinn has returned all of the materials to the Historic Committee that she had for her school project.

Dianna talked about the wedding dress and advised the Committee that she has spoken to Kate Griffin and found out that the Script and Cue Club at Watchung Hills Regional High School would like the dress. Lynn S. volunteered to contact Kate and make arrangements for it to be dropped off at the high school.

Dianna advised the Committee that Michelle DeRocco will be the keeper of the Collections Policy.

NEW BUSINESS

Lynn F. will send a thank you note to Bruce Ryno for his assistance with the WWII display. Betse will give Lynn his address. Betse thanked everyone who worked on the WWII display. She mentioned that there are a few more items to be hung up.

Scheduling for the Texier House is as follows:

May 3 – Barbara and Betty.

May 16 – Barbara and Betty 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Watchung Community Picnic)

The work session for April 28 is cancelled. The next work session is scheduled for May 5th.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. Our next scheduled meeting is on May 13, 2015.

Submitted by
Lynn Stahl
Interim Secretary