

Historical Committee
Minutes of the November 9, 2016 Meeting

Attendance: B. Diem, B. Aldrich, B. Titus, R. Stomber, L. Stahl, C. Vander fliet,
D. Mobus, Liaison

Presiding: B. Diem, B. Aldrich, Chairpersons

The minutes of the Oct. 12 meeting were approved.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Barbara reported that we have all the decorations for the Christmas tree for the Festival of Trees. We're not going to have a tree in the Texier House this year.

Barbara and Betse took all of the candles out of the windows and put in new ones. They are set to go on at 4:00 p.m. and to go off eight hours later.

FINANCIAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Lynn F. was not at the meeting, so Lynn S. gave her report. Our Borough budget for Oct. was \$8803.69 and our Watchung Community Foundation budget was \$17,730.56. We had some expenses for the Christmas tree ornaments, batteries for the candles, photos, flowers for Weekend Journey, oak stain for shelving and stamps. There were no donations.

LIAISON'S REPORT

Dave told the Committee that he missed the last Buildings and Grounds meeting. He advised that the DPW did work on the lighting and the walk outside the Texier House. They're also working on the gutters and fascia. Dave will check with the DPW on the progress of the work and report back at our next meeting. The Committee discussed the problem with the door lock and that you can't close the door without it locking and if we leave it open, cold air gets in.

Dave talked about the Veterans Day celebration.

OLD BUSINESS

Barbara talked about Veterans Day and that the Committee was not supposed to be involved in it. However, Dave's mom, talked to Barbara. Barbara thought of honoring Allan Miles and Mary Mobus spoke to his widow. Ralph Diem will speak on Veterans Day. Allan's son, Dan, will also be at the event. Barbara advised that we'll have coffee, tea, iced tea and light refreshments.

Linda Monetti asked if we want it on the program that we will have refreshments after the event at the Texier House. The Committee said that it should be on the program.

Dave said he talked to Chris about the mural at Sears. Doyle Hunsinger used to work at Sears, so Dave will contact him to see if he can get more information about the mural. He will look into whether we could obtain it for the Texier House.

Diddy spoke about the shed and that we need to get the DPW to get their equipment out of it so that we can store things there. Dave asked if we have items over in the library. Diddy said we have an old antique stove which is very large in the library. We could put it in the carriage house. We would also put the old farm equipment in there. Dave will talk to Bob Byrnes about this. Chris doesn't think we could build a shed by the Texier House because of the brook.

Chris asked if we want him to get up on a ladder at Sears to investigate further about the mural. The Committee said that they would like him to do that.

NEW BUSINESS

Betse talked about the Watchung video. She asked Chris if it could run continuously. Chris said he can make it so that it runs continuously. Chris advised that Brian and he are pretty close to finishing up the next set of videos (six segments). The Valley Player ones are in the boxes. Chris will get them converted onto a few CDs.

Diddy spoke about the Bobby Thomson video she taped and that it would need to be converted.

Brian has 27 hours so far that he has worked. Chris advised the Committee to wait until the end of the job to pay him. Chris told the Committee that the videos are turning out really well. They interviewed Rich Brown.

Barbara talked about the sandwich board. She wanted to take it off and then we need to have someone put holes in it so that we can hang it on the sign. Chris said he and Rick will take a look at it.

Diddy asked about the Watchung signs. Dave will find out who will be working on them. Barbara said the Historical Committee would like to make sure that we approve of the signs. Diddy said Emi Havas worked on them with Traffic and Beautification in the past.

Barbara advised the Committee that we will put up the Christmas tree on Tues., Nov. 29 and take it down on Dec. 29. The Committee will meet at the Texier House at 11:00 a.m. on the 29th to go to the Environmental Center.

Schedule for Texier House—December 4 – Betse, Betty

December 18 – Diddy, Barbara

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by
Lynn Stahl
Interim Secretary