

Historical Committee
Minutes of February 13, 2013 Meeting

Attendance: D. Addario, B. Aldrich, B. Diem, S. Feibush, R. Stomber and S. Tucker,
Also attending George Sopko, resident. Absent: B. Black, B. Titus,
E. Stomber and S. Pote, Liaison

Presiding: B. Diem Chairperson

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM.

The Minutes of the January 9, 2013 Meeting were approved as circulated.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – B. Diem

Thank-you note from Diane Gallets (Current Owner of Castle Cannon)

A thank you note was received from Diane Gallets thanking us for the Moldenke Book. She was very appreciative and did say that if she ever wanted to get rid of the cannon, she would think of us. (This is a step in the right directions!)

Submission of Expenses for Books

Eight Castle books were purchased. One book was purchased for our book collection and the others were purchased for individuals who paid for them. *Hillcrest Road Books by Ray Adams* were also purchased. One was purchased for our book collection and others for individuals. In the future individuals can contact the publishers of these books directly.

Castle Book: Kathy Moldenke Randall, 673 State Route 94 N, Warwick, NY 10990. Cost - \$30.50

Hillcrest Road Book: Ray Adams: 1349 East Lake Shore Drive, Landrun, S.C. 29356, 864-457-2510. Call for price plus shipping.

Letter from Jane Abel Werner – WW II Siren

A letter was received containing information about the WW II siren that she donated to the Historical Committee and a picture of her handing the siren to Paul Ost.

Committee Member's Oath of Office

Those members who had not signed oaths for this current year were given them to sign.

Newsletter

An article for the Boro Newsletter has been submitted. All members received a copy with the agenda. It should be out soon.

Texier House Report

At least six work sessions have been held in the past few weeks with various members of the Committee including some family helpers. Most of the materials have now been sorted, categorized and temporarily placed in plastic bags in alphabetical order. Files have been set up for the business of the Historical Committee (Minutes, Correspondence, Strategic Plans, Reports, etc.). A lot of material has been discarded. The shelf by the back window has been removed and trimmed and is ready for the stained glass window when it is restored. Also, by that back window there was a “panic button” and that has now been dismantled. The bases for two of the upright oak cases have been installed and the glass doors put in place. Most of the downstairs is cleaned out of extraneous material. Door mats and cleaning supplies were requested and the mats and a push broom were present when we arrived this evening. Some of the members in the work groups cleaned the bathrooms which badly needed attention.

The other artifacts that have been stored at the Ness Property and the Library garage loft will be brought to the Texier House as soon as Public Works has a chance.

The bills for the moving and re-assembling the museum cases and the work on the back window will be given to Borough Hall for payment.

Book on Sandy by the Star Ledger

The Star Ledger has published a book on Hurricane Sandy and Historical purchased a copy for our library.

Membership List

A revised list of members has been circulated. This update includes our two new members as well as some changes in email addresses.

LIAISON’S REPORT – S. Pote (Absent, no report)

OLD BUSINESS

2012 Annual Report

The Committee Approved the Annual Report that had been circulated for review.

Highlights of 2012

The Committee made some recommendations for additions to the Highlights of 2012 and approved it with the changes made.

Strategic Plan 2013

The committee made some recommendations for additions to the Strategic Plan and approved it with the changes made.

CAPES Application

The CAPES Application has been completed and sent and members received a copy of the application and cover letter.

Eagle Scout Project

Sue Tucker, Walter Pennet, Steve Pote and Mayor Mobus met and the project was approved. Sue needed the Historical Committee to commit to some financial support for the part of the project that will remain on permanent display at the Texier House. (Mounting, framing, printing, signage, etc. of artifacts and materials.) The Historical Committee approved an amount not to exceed \$500. Barbara will write and sign a letter to this effect.

Budget

The budgets for both capital and operating expenses have been submitted. Members received a copy of what was submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

Stained Glass from Castle

An anonymous benefactor has donated money to have the stained glass windows from the Castle restored and mounted in the Texier House. The glass has already been picked up and is at the stained glass store. The window has been prepared for the stained glass.

Floor Plan

Dick asked if we had a blueprint of the floor plan for the Texier House. We did discover a floor plan while sorting, but it turned out to be inaccurate. (The bathrooms were on the wrong side.) We will determine if the Borough Engineer has a floor plan we could have. We need this to plan. Since the Borough would like a plan of what we expect to do, we will need floor plans to work with.

Keys to Texier House

Now that we are established at the Texier House, members need keys. Barbara will follow up.

Touch up on Wall

The wall by the window where the panic button was removed needs to be spackled and painted. Barbara will follow up.

Old Playbills and Other Newspapers

During the sorting, some old playbills from New York, dating from the late 1800's and some old newspapers were given to Elaine Stomber to determine if they have any value to anyone. She is following up. It may be that the Lincoln Center Library has some interest in the playbills. The newspapers are not worth keeping. There are a few WW-I Liberty Bond posters that are in bad shape.

Walker System

Steve Pote had suggested that the Committee proceed with the purchase of the Walker Hanging System for one wall. Then, we can determine if we want to purchase more. Dick Stomber will review the paper work about the system and figure out what to order for one wall. He will have it ready for the next meeting.

Diorama Repair/Refurbishing

A notice went in the Newsletter for volunteers to refurbish the diorama. It was also suggested that we look into diorama clubs in the area. Other suggestions have been to contact model railroad and doll house enthusiasts.

The meeting was adjourned at: 9:30 PM

Submitted by:

Dorothy Addario
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 13, 2013, TEXIER HOUSE 7:30 PM, TEXIER HOUSE

Approved at the March 13, 2013 Meeting