

Minutes of the Raritan History & Cultural Committee March 15, 2023

- Committee called to order at 6:32PM
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Members in attendance: Karen Eastlund, James Fidacaro, Tim Rack, Dave Fritzinger, Gail Ostapczuk, Joyce Tronolone, Frank Del Rocco, Dawn Wilde
- Absent Members: Mark Esposito, Edward Ruzbarsky, Jane Fidacaro
- Secretary's Minutes from 2/15/2023
 - Motion to accept. Seconded. All approve
- Treasurer's Report
 - \$125 for storage
 - Total \$785 from temp budget
 - Trust Fund has 833.15
 - Motion to accept. Seconded. All approve.
- **Old Business**
 - Frank is sworn in, Dawn will go in the next few days, Tim and Gail still need to go.
 - Cornerstone update
 - No further updates
 - Benches
 - Jim Communicated with Jen, images should be done in April
 - Haven't heard back from Tom about Pricing
- **New Business**
 - Facebook Page
 - We have a Facebook page
 - Trying to share to various pages to get more traffic to the page and "likes"
 - Invite other people to follow the Facebook page
 - Fundraising Ideas
 - Ornaments
 - When do we want them by?
 - July
 - Advertise on our Facebook page so people can order them ahead of Discover Raritan
 - Need input from members for images to put in the ornaments
 - Potentially putting some images related to Knox Porter signing
 - Add the Committee Name to the bottom of the photograph
 - Historic Plaque
 - Department of Public works has the new plaque to put up facing east and west by Raritan Library
 - Knox Porter original documentation
 - Museum is going to keep the Knox Porter documentation. The original signed by the President

- Don is going to work on getting the documentation. Working on getting an image of the document so we can make it larger and put it on display
 - Who pays for this? Our committee
 - Waiting on Don to give us a report
 - Knox Porter Plaque
 - Got a quote from Flemington Aluminum
 - Asked Adam about grant writing. He has written grants. He looked at the grant rules. 3:1 ratio. We would need to provide \$15k and they would provide \$5k. Grant idea is off the table
 - Putting Posts inside the pillars to attach permanent signage in between them. Create 3 banners to swap in and out throughout the year.
 - 1: signing picture. Description of the event plus the date
 - 2: reception line of the party afterwards. Could state the date and the description
 - 3: Picture of President Harding golfing with the senators. Description and date
 - Go to John to design the banners
 - Colored photos rather than sepia or B&W
 - Other ideas? Suggest them please
 - Table
 - James Smith had a table (card table) from 1952 – donated to committee
 - Use it during Discover Raritan or other events and display
 - Tim found an 1870-1890 rocking chair from Frelinghuysen collection. Will be added to our collection and put in storage
 - Slide show – cannot find it. Could be on the old laptop?
- Meeting Adjourned 7:06PM