

Minutes of the Raritan History & Cultural Committee April 19, 2023

- Committee called to order at 6:34PM
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Members in attendance: Karen Eastlund, James Fidacaro, Tim Rack, Dave Fritzinger, Gail Ostapczuk, Joyce Tronolone, Dawn Wilde, Jane Fidacaro, Mark Esposito
- Exused Members: Edward Ruzbarsky, Frank Del Rocco
- Secretary's Minutes from 3/15/2023
 - Motion to accept. Seconded. All approve
- Treasurer's Report
 - One expenditure. \$125 for storage unit.
 - Temp budget is now \$660
 - Trust Fund has \$833.15
 - Motion to accept. Seconded. All approve.
- **Old Business**
 - Borough roster needs to be updated. Fill in phone number and email if missing from record.
 - Mark has been sworn in, Dawn has been sworn in. Tim hasn't been sworn in, Gail also needs to be sworn in.
 - Cornerstone update
 - No further updates
 - Benches
 - Jennifer finished both images for the benches. Both images are digital and can be fixed online and will be done the end of the week.
 - Jim will talk to Tom at 8Visual about getting benches completed.
- **New Business**
 - Facebook Page
 - Jim and Dawn utilizing Facebook page and posting good posts.
 - Trying to share to various pages to get more traffic to the page and "likes"
 - Invite other people to follow the Facebook page
 - If you have post ideas, you can post to the Group page and Dawn will post it onto the Public Page
 - Fundraising Ideas
 - Multiple options of ornament styles. Pick maybe 4 styles?
 - Put Raritan History & Cultural Committee on the ribbon for the ornament
 - Prefer the flat spinning style rather than the ball ornament
 - If no street fair, we can still sell online or at the library
 - Will discuss pricing at later meetings
 - Unveiling of the historic sign outside of the library – waiting for the date to be decided.
 - Knox Porter original documentation
 - No further updates
 - Knox Porter Site

- Left a message about getting a bigger banner for putting up between the pillars
 - In the past we did the past summer months (June, July, August). Ask management company for May – September
 - Inviting management company to provide input to how we can further emphasize the historic significance of this site.
 - Foundation – Roadside Markers
 - Helps promote public education. Helps to support roadside markers
 - Putting a marker right off 28 – easier for people to see from the road
 - Two programs: roadside marker, NRHP funding
- Artifacts
 - League of Historic Societies of NJ
 - Passaic County was getting rid of museum items, public could go and get items for free
 - Got a hand forged adz from ca. 1850
 - Toaster (for over the fire) ca. 1750
 - Ice Cutter ca. 1750
- Museum?
 - Building one building for multiple purposes. Pushing Council to incorporate space for the historical society.
- Books
 - Adam would like to have these books put on display at the library in the old Media Room
- Call from Boonton, NJ – Barbara
 - People are seeing our banners and are impressed and are trying to incorporate our ideas for their towns
- Display case in Borough Hall is still empty
- April 29th and 30th – River Road in Piscataway, Civil War event. 10-4. East Jersey Oldtown
- Meeting Adjourned 7:30PM