

Minutes of the Raritan History & Cultural Committee August 16, 2023

- Committee called to order at 6:30PM
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Members in attendance: Karen Eastlund, James Fidacaro, Tim Rack, Dave Fritzing, Gail Ostapczuk, Joyce Tronolone, Jane Fidacaro, Mark Esposito, Edward Ruzbarsky, Dawn Wilde, Frank Del Rocco
- Excused Members: n/a
- Secretary's Minutes from 7/19/2023
 - Motion to accept. Seconded. All approve
- Treasurer's Report
 - Current budget is \$3388.13
 - Ornaments - \$210.99 – still open
 - \$40 for Crown Trophy for name plaque for two new benches
 - Motion to accept. Seconded. All approve
 - Trust Fund has \$833.15
 - Can use when we need to.
 - Motion to accept. Seconded. All approve.
- **Old Business**
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 - Benches
 - In front of Scotts and in front of Temple.
 - Thank you card for Jen
 - Grant money is finished
 - Bench project is complete
 - Hold on Facebook business until Dawn is back next month
 - Update Group name to be different from Page name
 - Changed the Official Facebook Page name to “Borough of Raritan History”
 - Invite people to “Like” the page
 - Fundraising
 - Economic Development Committee IS going to have the August Waterfront night – weather permitting. 8/26 from 6-9PM
 - Permission from Economic Committee to sell the ornaments at the Waterfront Nights
 - How much will we sell these for?
 - \$15/ornament
 - If it doesn't sell at \$15/ornament, then next time sell them for \$25/two ornaments
 - Motion to approve. Seconded. Approved
 - Set up at the concert
 - Time is 6-9pm

- Get there early before the concert starts and sell before the concert and sell through the break and then close up
 - Needs: table, banner, chairs, change box for sales
 - Show up around 5:30, bring a lounge chair
 - Selling Ornaments for the Basilone Parade
 - Different ones with a focus on Basilone
 - Selling Ornaments at the library desk as well
 - Put a display for them
 - Selling them online?
 - Shipping is an issue
 - Adding in a few more types of photo combination
- **New Business**
 - Library Programs
 - 10/27/23 6:30PM Halloween Witchy Woman
 - 11/14/23 6:30PM Native Americans
 - Request for information on the Minute Man restaurant
 - Carl came up with the map
 - Banner up by PC Richards – cleaned up the area around it
 - Spoke with Hank at Public Works about the possibility of a banner over Somerset Street
 - No calendar of “events”
 - If we had a banner made, we could make it as big as 15 feet and two sided
 - Possibly three pictures?
 - Golfing picture, signing picture, reception picture
 - July 1921, Raritan USA’s role in World War I ended
 - Put up in June/July – coincides with history
 - Get council approval
 - Will go to John for design discussion
 - Get an estimate of cost
 - Motion to accept. Seconded. All approve
 - Loom
 - Do we want one?
 - No, passing on this
 - Storage
 - Running out of room
- Meeting Adjourned 7:12PM