

Minutes of the Raritan History & Cultural Committee March 20, 2024

- Committee called to order at 6:30PM
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Members in attendance: Karen Eastlund, Ed Ruzbarsky, Tim Rack, Lisa D'Angelo, Gail Ostapczuk, James Fidacaro, Jane Fidacaro, Dawn Wilde, Mark Esposito, Dave Fritzing
- Excused Members: Frank Del Rocco, Debbie Thomas, Joyce Tronolone
- Secretary's Minutes from 02/2024
 - Changes from Karen and Tim.
 - Motion to accept as amended. Seconded. All approve.
- Treasurer's Report
 - Balance in treasury \$566.04
 - Trust Fund \$1199.15
 - Budget hasn't been approved
 - Motion to accept. Seconded. All approve.
- **Old Business**
 - Shirts
 - Came in, will be distributed
 - \$392
 - Facebook Page
 - Everything looks great
 - Washington School Monument Windows
 - Lisa discussed with 1 Architect. Branigan Home Improvements, Charlie. Gave 2 recommendations:
 - Window comes out, glass could come out, rebuild the parts that are coming apart
 - ❖ About 3 months
 - Work with Glass Castle to put a safety glass over each side. Encase and preserve the window.
 - ❖ No timeframe given
 - Estimates to come by the end of the week
 - If the estimates are more than \$3,000 will need to get more bids
 - Postcards
 - Boro Hall and Library
 - Sign at Jughandle
 - Fixed
 - Field of Heroes for 2026
 - Further updates forthcoming
- **New Business**
 - Statue Refurbishing Letter
 - Motion to accept. Seconded. All approve.
 - Frank Tropiano
 - Waiting for a green light from Frank
 - Trolley Exhibit
 - Needs to move from the library and from upstairs in Boro Hall.
 - Packing it up. Need volunteers
 - Telling them we cannot keep exhibit and it must go back.
 - Participation in Basilone Parade
 - Ideas for the parade
 - Magnetic signs for cars
 - New Exhibit of the library

- History of Aprons
 - Need aprons for exhibit
 - Presentation to Somerville History Roundtable
 - Tim showcases our committee's accomplishments
 - Meeting in Somerville is 4/8/2024 in the Historic Firehouse at 7pm.
 - Fireman's Museum. 15 North Dowdy
- Meeting Adjourned 7:36 PM