

Minutes of the Raritan Historic & Cultural Committee April 17, 2024

- Committee called to order at 6:31PM
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Members in attendance: Karen Eastlund, Ed Ruzbarsky, Gail Ostapczuk, James Fidacaro, Jane Fidacaro, Dawn Wilde, Debbie Thomas, Dave Fritzing, Tim Rack
- Excused Members: Mark Esposito, Lisa D'Angelo, Frank Del Rocco, Joyce Tronolone
- Secretary's Minutes from 03/2024
 - Changes from Karen and Tim.
 - Motion to accept as amended. Seconded. All approve.
- Treasurer's Report
 - Balance in treasury month \$1441.04
 - Tabled until amount can be accounted for
 - Trust Fund \$1199.15
 - Keep track of sales of books/ornaments/etc.
 - Pay storage in one lump sum for May – Dec of this year
 - Finding out more details
- **Old Business**
 - Shirts
 - Cost was a bit higher than anticipated. \$55 from this year's budget will be taken out to account for additional cost
 - Facebook Page
 - Everything looks great
 - Washington School Monument Windows
 - Further updates forthcoming
 - Field of Heroes for 2026
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- **New Business**
 - Adam Armahizer's Invitations
 - Open invitation to the viewing of the original Knox Porter Resolution in D.C.
 - Possible Raritan viewing of a replica of the resolution this summer
 - Frank Tropiano
 - On hold for the moment
 - Trolley Exhibit
 - Has been picked up. Completed
 - Participation in Basilone Parade
 - Magnetic signs for cars
 - Generate ideas for the signs – pictures, committee logo, etc.
 - New Exhibit of the library
 - Senator Frelinghuysen's speech, 1919
 - Continue meeting at 6:30?
 - Yes
 - Library Programs for 2024
 - Further updates forthcoming
 - U-boat presentation
 - Presentation to Somerville History Roundtable
 - Tim gave presentation on the accomplishments of our committee.
 - Went very well, and was well received and impressive
 - Tour of Firehouse
 - Karen will plan a tour in the upcoming months. Include Mayor and some Council members. Borough Engineer as well?

- Cornerstones in Town
 - Dawn will take photos of the various cornerstones around town and the buildings/structures associated with them
- Meeting Adjourned 7:32 PM