

Morris County Heritage Commission

Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2020

Present: Chair Kathy Murphy, Vice Chair Larry Fast, Treasurer Epsy Farrell, Joe Dunado, Marty Kane, Joe Macasek, Amery Vasso, Carol Barkin; Director Peg Shultz, History Program Development Specialist Nick Palatucci, and Archives Technician Amanda Hefferan

Absent/Excused: None

Call to Order: Director Peg Shultz called the meeting to order at the Morris County Library at 9:37 a.m. She read the Open Public Meeting Statement.

Election of 2020 Officers: Kathy Murphy-Chair, Larry Fast-Vice Chair, Epsy Farrell-Treasurer, Carol Barkin-Secretary

Meeting Dates for 2020: Second Tuesday of each month. No meeting in August.

Sub-Committee Assignments for 2020: Assignments remain the same except:

- Marker Program-add Carol Barkin
- Publications-add Carol Barkin and John Dunado
- Re-Grant Program/Grants: remove Marty Kane and add Amery Vasso as chair

Minutes: A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes from the December 10, 2019, meeting. One Commissioner abstained.

Financial Report: The 2020 departmental temporary budget was approved.

Chair's Report:

- Chair Murphy wished everyone a Happy New Year. She welcomed Carol Barkin, who was appointed by the Freeholders to serve an unexpired term on the Commission to end in 2024.
- Epsy Farrell and Joe Macasek were reappointed by the Freeholders to serve five-year terms to expire in 2024.
- She is working on the annual report.
- The MCHC is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2020.
- 2020 goals include adding county entrance markers, publishing two regular issues and a special edition of the *Heritage Review*, updating the website, marker mapping, working with nonprofit organizations through the re-grant program and other collaborations, and expanding history programming.
- Ms. Shultz, Ms. Hefferan and Mr. Palatucci were recognized for their fine work.

Office Report:

- The office is performing year-end duties and administrative tasks.
- The Commission was awarded \$37,022 from the NJ Historical Commission for the re-grant program.
- Re-grant program outside reviewers are Carrie Fellows, Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission; Linda Barth, League of New Jersey Historical Societies, and Richard Kearney, Librarian, William Paterson University. Thirteen applications were received, totaling monetary requests of \$61,129.00.
- Ms. Shultz is working on performance evaluations for staff.

Archives Technician Report: Amanda Hefferan is working on filing blueprints and on the oversize collection, and researching and planning to attend professional development webinars and classes.

History Program Development Specialist Report: Nick Palatucci is creating a plan and a report on the county marker program. He has prepared a schedule of 50th-anniversary programs and, as of today, has confirmed five of the six invited speakers.

Subcommittee Reports:

Grants/Re-Grants: The re-grant meeting will be taking place later this afternoon, January 14.

Long-Range Planning: Updates to the Long-Range Plan were discussed.

Marker Program: Plans for new county entrance marker locations were discussed. Edits were made to the text for the new markers.

Personnel: Carol Barkin was welcomed again to the Heritage Commission.

Public Programs/Exhibits: The Heritage Commission will be co-sponsoring the Canal Society Local History Symposium. The event will be held at the Cultural Center. Grant-writing workshops will be held on August 19 at the Morris County Library.

Publications: Articles for the Winter 2019/2020 newsletter were discussed.

Communication: Several newsletters and event notifications were received.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

The next Commission meeting will be held in the Commission's conference room at the Morris County Library on Tuesday, **February 11, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.** Please inform the staff if you are unable to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Barkin
Heritage Commission Secretary