

Morris County Heritage Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2020 (via Zoom)

Present: Chair Kathy Murphy, Vice Chair Larry Fast, Treasurer Epsey Farrell, Secretary Carol Barkin, John Dunado, Marty Kane, Joe Macasek, T.C. McCourt, Amery Vasso, Director Peg Shultz, Archives Technician Amanda Hefferan, History Program Development Specialist Nick Palatucci

Absent/Excused: N/A

Call to Order: Due to social distancing requirements, the meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. via Zoom. Kathy Murphy, Chair, read the Open Public Meeting Statement.

Minutes: A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes as is from the October 13, 2020 meeting.

Chair Report: Freeholder Kathy DeFilippo is pleased with MCHC progress and budgeting per Kathy Murphy. Looking for a Heritage Commission representative for the Morris County Preservation Trust.

Office Report: Employee temperatures are now taken upon entrance into the office suite according to CDC guidelines. The color extension add-on for the microfilm reader will be purchased. Final reports for the 2020 re-grant are due Friday, November 13, 2020. Electronic signatures are now acceptable.

Archive Collection Report: Ms. Hefferan is updating and photo editing the County Heritage marker database. She is editing the articles for the 50th Anniversary Digital newsletter. Her work continues deep cleaning and organizing the collections.

Public Programs Update: Mr. Palatucci mailed out the recent newsletter and continues to work on the 2020 grant program. The 20% payment vouchers are prepared and will be sent when final reports are in from the grantees. County marker locations are under review with the County road crews. A new project will be working with the County on MCHC's position on an updated county website.

Subcommittee Reports:

- **Archives:** The archives continue to be closed to on-site researchers.
- **Grants/Re-Grants:** The final 20% payment vouchers are prepared and will be sent when final reports are in from the grantees. The final reports are due this coming Friday.
- **Marker Program:** MCHC board approved the 50th Anniversary County Marker text. The Commissioners approved the budget for eight double-sided markers. Ms. Shultz will order the markers this week.
- **Public Programs/Exhibits:** All public programming has been postponed due to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines and the projected lack of available space. PR announcing the 2021 rescheduling will be sent to the Office of Public Information for distribution to media outlets when appropriate.
- **Publications:** The 50th Anniversary digital newsletter is scheduled to be posted in late December. A call for ideas for the Spring 2021 newsletter was made and suggestions included the Morris Canal Greenway Park, historic cemeteries and some additional content as directed by the New Jersey Historical Commission.

Communication: Various newsletters were received from historical organizations.

The meeting was adjourned: 11:00 a.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Barkin, Secretary