

# Morris County Heritage Commission

## Meeting Minutes

### May 9, 2017

**Present:** Chair Kathy Murphy, John Dunado, Esey Farrell, Larry Fast, Martin Kane, Joseph Macasek, Archivist/Acting Director Margaret Shultz, and Archives Technician Amanda Hefferan.

**Absent:** Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika. On leave of absence, Kathy Fisher.

**Call to order:** Chair Murphy called the meeting to order at the Morris County Library at 9:42 a.m. She read the Open Meeting Statement.

**Minutes:** The minutes for April 18, 2017, were accepted as amended.

**Financial Report:** Ms. Shultz reports the budget was officially approved. There is funding for flooring, shelving units in the workroom, and ultra violet shades for the windows in the archives and office suite. Amanda to be officially full-time as of May 15.

#### **Chair Report:**

- The Chair acknowledged Kathy DeFillippo's attendance at the Farleigh Dickinson Plaque Dedication Ceremony and commented on the nice weather and attendance of about 20 people including Madison Borough's Mayor and the Farleigh Dickinson University Provost. Chair Murphy, Commissioner Farrell, Ms. Shultz and Amanda Hefferan represented the MCHC.
- Work Room: It was noted that the workroom would need to be cleared out prior to the installation of flooring and HD shelving units, volunteers are sought.

**Archivist/Acting Director's Report:** See the Archivist/Acting Director Report attached to the meeting package

- **Montville Re-grant.** Working to bring the 2015 grant to completion. Need to get the Vouchers signed. Commissioner Dunado will try to contact the Treasurer.
- **Shared Staff.** A shared staffing trial with the County Library to commence June 1st
- No update on the Riverdale Dough Boy World War One statue. MCHC would be willing to identify sources, conservators and funding sources. Its current location is behind A DPW barn.
- **Official Seal of Morris County.** Staff assisted the Office of Public Information with identification of the county seal approved in the 1950s and earlier versions.

#### **Committee reports:**

**Archives: Kathy Murphy and Joe Macasek, Co-Chairs.** See Archivist/Acting Director's report above and attached. Activities continue with prep work in the workroom area and working on a timetable.

**Grants/Re-grants: Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Chair.** See Archivist/Acting Director's report attached.

**Long-Range Plan: Esey Farrell, Chair; Kathy Murphy, Interim Co-Chair**

No Report

**Marker Program: Kathy Murphy, Interim Chair.** See Archivist/Acting Director's report.

- **Mt. Kemble Marker:** Janet foster approved the text. Confirmation of 1940 date is still required. A better location not near the traffic light should be considered.
- **Millington Railroad Station Marker:** Working on preliminary wording for the Millington Railroad Station marker. Vice Chair Fast will consult with Frank Reilly, United Railroad Historical Society, for verification of the official name and owner.

- **Whippany Farm Marker:** Current location of the sign is at the back exit of the Arboretum. It should be consideration to relocate the sign to the front.

**Personnel:** *Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Chair.* See Archivist/Acting Director's report

**Public Programs/Exhibits:** *Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Chair.* See Archivist/Acting Director's report.

**Publications:** *John Dunado, Chair.* No Report  
A draft of the Spring 2017 newsletter is near completion.

**New Business:** Greenway Trail Clean Up June 6 at Lincoln Park.

**Correspondence:** Hunter Research, Denville Bridge 106.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
John Dunado, Secretary

The next Commission meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at 9:30 a.m.**  
**in the Commission Conference Room at the County Library.**  
Please inform Ms. Shultz if you are unable to attend