

**Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission  
MINUTES**

**Regular Monthly Meeting  
9:30 a.m., Thursday April 25, 2013  
Bldg. # 1, Route 12 County Complex, Raritan Twp., NJ**

**Present:** Stephanie B. Stevens, Lora W. Jones, John Kuhl, Elizabeth M. Rice, Frank Curcio, Janet Marsh Hunt, Christopher Pickell

**Absent:** Tom Carpenter, Jim Davidson

**Staff Present:** Ken Bogen, Rick Steffey, Susan Pena

**I. O.P.M.A.**

At 9:33 a.m. Chair Stevens declared the meeting open and properly advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

**II. APPROVAL OF March 28, 2013 MINUTES**

**Moved by Kuhl to approve, Seconded by Rice, Motion Carried.**

No additions or corrections

**III. PAUL JENNIS, Mural Artist for Tri-Centennial**

Paul Jennis arrives to give an update of the designs of the murals that he is painting for the Tri-Centennial. Mr. Jennis stated that he is almost done with mural #1 and he has a target start date for mural #2 for July 2013. Mr. Jennis is asking for ideas and pictures for the third mural. Mr. Jennis also came to the group with a check from Mr. Steve Kalafer from Flemington Car and Truck Company for the amount of \$2,500.00. An additional amount of another \$2,500.00 will be awarded when the murals are completed.

**IV. GRANT REPORTS**

**NJSCA (New Jersey State Council on the Arts)**

Staff member Rick Steffey stated that the payment documents have gone out to the recipient's. Chair Stevens stated that when "State money comes in it must go out", this shouldn't need to go before the freeholders. Chair Stevens stated that she would write a letter or go to the freeholders to have them explain why they are doing this.

**NJHC (New Jersey Historical Commission)**

Staff member Ken Bogen reported that the 2014 General Operating Support Application was submitted via SAGE on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013. A total of \$65,000 in funding was requested. This amount was comprised of the following: \$50,000 Re-grant Funding, \$5,000.00 Re-grant Administrative Support and \$10,000.00 C&H Commission general operations and continuing work on events/projects

**IV. COMMISSION PROJECTS**

**Arts**

**Kids Kulture:**

Commissioner Jones reported that she has a contact in Immaculate Conception School that she hopes will want to be involved, but as of yet no response. She hopes Cross Roads Christen School will also get involved.

### Bus to Culture:

Chair Stevens indicated there was no material update

### Art Goes to School:

Chair Stevens reported that there are 10 schools in the program and 8 have been completed. Chair Stevens stated that Joan will be in touch. She also reported that she hopes to have more volunteers next year and has asked around again for help.

### Arts Show

Chair Stevens had indicated that George Muller was waiting for paperwork approval from the railroad to do the needed work on the building. Commissioner Jones also reported that the walls could use a fresh coat of paint as well as the exterior. The possibility of going to paint the building were discussed, and thought that it wouldn't take much time at all to do. Commissioner Jones stated that we still need 4/5 more painters for the show. Commissioner Jones said that we are still looking for sculptors if there are any in Hunterdon County.

## **History & Preservation**

### Site Signs

Commissioner Kuhl reported that there are three signs: Quaker Church, Charles Stewart House and Reynolds Tavern that need to be corrected for major errors and fading. Commissioner Kuhl also reported that there are 9 new road signs that should also be erected: they include Rev. War Campsite, Milford Train Wreck, Voorhees State Park, Rosemont Raven Rock Bridge, Holcombe's Mill, Rockafellows Mill, Sergeantsville Town Hall Gordon's Tavern, Grave of Maj. Lambert Boeman, and Boy Scout Camp Watchung.

### Sites of Historic Interest:

Chair Stevens said that this project is moving along slowly. She reported on the status of information provided by several municipalities noted that the information was not completed. Chair Stevens stated that going to the assessor would be easier. We could copy all records and pictures of these sites.

### Roads of Home:

Commissioner Curcio discussed that he has photos of all the stage coach stops from Bloomsbury to New Brunswick. He has also measured and has elevations of abandoned roads. Commissioner Curcio also has been following the routes of famous surveyors and has 17 more sites added to his list.

### Hunterdon's Civil War Vets:

Commissioners Rice reported that the book was sent to Pam at the Print Shop. Pam is working with Print Tech for printing of the covers. This is a multi-step process for the assembly of the book Pam should be ready to go to print the book with the cover. PrinTech supposedly has stated that the covers will not be ready until at least June since they are squeezing the printing, in between other orders. Commissioner Jones has stated that she might be able to give a call and see if she can push the order along so that Pam can get started on putting the books together. Commissioner Kuhl would like them done for June for the sales.

### 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of HC

Commissioners Rice and Pickell will make an appointment with Marcia Karrow to address Social Media opportunities for the 300 Committee, as of yet they have not done so. Commissioner Jones stated that the quilt expo is moving along. She also said that Marcia Karrow has signed needed paperwork. Commissioner Jones stated that the New Jersey State Museum has a signature quilt that we could use for the anniversary. We would just need to prove that we can provide insurance. Commissioner Rice will design a cover for the booklet; the print shop will print them. The booklets will run \$10.00 apiece. Commissioner Jones stated that Bob Heil from "Black Lab" is photographing quilts free of charge.

### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business to discuss

### **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

#### Davidson: Lindberg:

Commissioner Davidson was not present to discuss

#### Pickell/Rice: Architecture for 300<sup>th</sup>

Commissioner Pickel discussed the outline and format for the book. Currently Commissioner Pickel is in his busy season at his job and the progress has been a bit slow at the moment, he hopes to have made some progress by next month's meeting.

#### Farmer interviews

Chair Stevens spoke to the board in regards to finding the farmers to do these interviews. She has been calling the municipalities in hope to find older generation farmers. Chair Stevens has a photographer on hand to take pictures. Chair Stevens' hopes photos can be obtained within the summer months. Sue Holcombe-Pena will take on the task of finding farmers in East and West Amwell Townships.

Staff stated last month that we should try "embracing" social media as a means to collect this kind of information. Staff, Rick Steffey found a web site called "Legacy Stories" that can accommodate this kind of material that we will be collecting from the farmers along with a book that will also be available. A small presentation was presented to the commission. The commission tossed around how it would be accepted with the farming community and placing their lives out in social media other than a book.

#### 2013 Arts and History Expo

To date there are only 13 groups signed up for the event. Commissioner Kuhl stated the he tried to get The Historical Society, but they will not be present due to the Holcombe Jimson Historical Days. Commission Jones had asked what is the no go number on the Expo? A number currently has not been established. Commissioner Rice had asked that we call the groups that attended last year to get an accurate number.

## VII ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE:

- Chair Stevens discussed the May 11th Washington Crossing History Day for the State. A van has been reserved for the Commission. Commissioner Kuhl wanted to know if the van can be loaded for them. Sue Pena had informed Commissioner Kuhl that there was no problem in having the van loaded for them. Sue Pena stated that she would have the van loaded by Thursday night and that Commissioner Kuhl could pick up the key that night also for the Saturday trip. Commissioner Kuhl also requested that a table be available for the 300 Commission, as they are attending also

### Fleming House / Pickell Site Visit

Chair Stevens asked staff if a letter is needed, staff Rick Steffey stated “no”, no letter is needed at this time.

### Essay Contest

Chair Stevens asked the Commission to read the top 4 essays. Apparently the judges could not decide on four of the very best of the best essays for the mini-historian. The outcome for this year’s 2013 mini-historian went to James Foran writing on Penwell Mills.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, **Commissioner Kuhl moved to adjourn. Motion carried** Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM

Respectfully submitted

*Susan Holcombe-Pena*