

**Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission
MINUTES**

**Regular Monthly Meeting
9:30 a.m., Thursday February 28, 2013
Bldg. # 1, Route 12 County Complex, Raritan Twp., NJ**

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

Absent: Tom Carpenter, Frank Curcio

Staff Present: Ken Bogen, Rick Steffey

1. O.P.M.A.

At 9:42 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 November 29, 2012 MINUTES

Moved by Jones to approve, Seconded by Pickell, Motion Carried.

No additions or corrections

III. GRANT REPORTS

NJSCA (New Jersey State Council on the Arts)

Staff reported that the 2012 final payment voucher received from the state, signed off by Finance and has gone back to the NJSCA. As soon as the money is received, the last 15% will be distributed for the 2012 LAP Grants including the supplemental payment approved by the Commission in January.

The 2012 Final Report is essentially complete and will be submitted Friday March 1, 2013. For the 2014 LAP application, no due date has been determined yet. The State is working on the format and will try to get it into SAGE.

NJHC (New Jersey Historical Commission)

Staff reported that the Interim report for the 2013 Round was submitted on February 22. Staff is also working on the Declaration of Intent (DOI) for the 2014 Round, and has obtained an extension to submit the DOI on or before March 8. That deadline will be met. The 2014 Round application is due on or before April 5 in SAGE.

There was a quick discussion on the Shippen House funding request.

III. COMMISSION PROJECTS

Arts

Kids Kulture:

Commissioner Jones reported that she has been trying to make contact with all the schools and that the response has not been as hoped. She was able to make contact and headway with the Franklin and Lambertville schools and is working to setup programs. The Commission discussed having the Abe Lincoln impersonator attend all the schools that participate because he so highly regarded. Commissioner Jones will continue with her outreach efforts

Bus to Culture:

Chair Stevens indicated there was no material update

Art Goes to School:

Chair Stevens reported that Joanne has been very active in recruiting volunteers and setting up programs. .

History & Preservation

Site Signs

Commission Kuhl reported on the following:

- The allegedly stolen Liver-Eating Johnson sign has returned
- Marilyn Cummings is requesting a sign for a secret Revolutionary War encampment near Mt Airy, and asked the Commission to authorize the sign. The timing of the signage was discussed and decided to try to make the April Commission meeting for approval.
- The 300 signs are in discussion.

Sites of Historic Interest:

Commissioner Rice reported that Patty Leidner was able to provide data for most of the missing photos from Clinton Township. Commissioner Rice indicated she will make additional effort to photograph the structures before the trees leaf out.

Roads of Home:

Commissioner Curcio was absent

Hunterdon's Civil War Vets:

Commissioners Kuhl & Rice provided copies of the book proofs. They are still working on some last minute issues which are mostly concerned with completing the cover for the book and having several sets of eyes proofreading it. The County print shop will print the entire book except for the cover which needs to be sent out for printing. Timing for publication is April. There was discussion on how to price the book whether at cost or cost+. When all the cost are analyzed the Commission will make a pricing recommendation, but for now the consensus is it should be priced at approximately \$15. There was also a quick discussion about the Tercentenary vs. Tri-centennial naming convention and the Commission will adopt the tri-centennial naming for its various projects.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Art on Main Street

Chairman Stevens reported that she has had difficulty connecting with the Flemington BID to talk to them about the Commissions art on main street concept. She will continue to try and reach them. There was also a discussion on locating this year's art show at Mikasa or another downtown Flemington location. No final decision was made on the art show location.

There was also discussion on the Arts & History Expo. The Commission decided to hold it again in 2013 at the County location. Staff will look at the availability of the Saturdays in June and report back to the Commission for a decision. The date is looking like June 8, but the commission members will be polled. The room configuration will be discussed at a subsequent meeting.

Architecture for 300th Anniversary:

Commissioner Pickell reported that he spoke with Patty Leidner and received a great deal of raw material. Chris will create an outline and share it with the Commission at the March or April Meeting. Then he can start selecting buildings to focus on.

Commissioner Stevens asked the Commissioners for ideas on a list of 'old' farm families to interview for the 300th celebration. There was discussion on what was old (two generations). Staff suggested the Commission speak to John Van Nuys about a list of potential family candidates.

Award Recognitions 2014:

Staff reported that members of the Planning Board Executive Committee and Commission members met to discuss the event and come up with draft proposed award categories, timeframe and venue. Staff reported the results of that meeting and walked the Commission through the proposed categories and timeline. Staff will coordinate with the 300 Committee to have a date firmed up and added to the 300 calendar. Beth will review at the current awards graphics and we can put something together by May. Staff also asked the Commission

Flemington Castle Renovation:

Commissioner Pickell reported that he spoke to the builder but has not done the site visit. He will try to get there before the March meeting

Commissioner Davidson reported to the Commission that East Amwell will be seeking another grant for the Clawson House although the prior grants have not been drawn down. He indicated the delays have been administrative but hopefully will be resolved soon so the project can move

ahead and stop the current deterioration of the structure. The new grant will help finish the project.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Davidson: Lindberg:

Commissioner Davidson reported that the 300th Committee has requested 3 programs and tours for 2014.

He spoke briefly on the current use of the Lindberg house and the current events of the book speaking tour.

He reported that sales are going well and the book is in its second printing.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE:

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, **Commissioner Rice moved, and Commissioner Kuhl 2nd to adjourn. Motion carried** Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM

Respectfully submitted

Rick Steffey