

**Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission
MINUTES**

**Regular Monthly Meeting
9:30 a.m., Thursday September 22nd, 2013
Bldg. # 1, Route 12 County Complex, Raritan Twp., NJ**

Present: Stephanie B. Stevens, Lora W. Jones, John Kuhl, Chris Pickell, Frank Curcio, Janet Marsh Hunt, Elizabeth Rice, James Davidson, Anne M. Hewitt, PhD,

Absent:

Staff Present: Rick Steffey, Susan Holcombe-Pena

I. O.P.M.A.

At 9:35 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 JULY 25th, 2013 MINUTES

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

No additions or corrections

III. WELCOME ANNE M. HEWITT TO THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Hewitt has been in Hunterdon County for 5 years. She is a professor at Seton Hall University and teaches Health Care Administration. Commissioner Hewitt and her husband have been transferred all over for their work requirements. Commissioner Hewitt has been on several non-profit committees and volunteers her time. She believes that you need to become a part of the community and give back. Commissioner Hewitt comes to us with a background in Arts, being involved with museums including the Brandy Wine River Museum and the Winterthur Museum in Delaware.

IV. GRANT REPORTS

NJSCA (New Jersey State Council on the Arts)

Staff reported that \$40,000.00 (Lap Grants) panel met in November 2012. 11 applicants were approved and funded. \$10,000.00 will be used specifically for the Jennis Tercentennial Mural. The 2013 final report is due to NJSCA December 2014. Staff reported that the 2014 grants have been announced. HCC&H received \$63,908.00 for our local arts program.

NJHC (New Jersey Historical Commission)

Chair Stevens informed the commission that the state has denied our historical grant. Denial was based on our strategic planning process, and we didn't show adequate understanding of our audiences being served by regrantees. Chair Stevens and Sue Dziamara Planning Board Director will look into further the application status on if things can be changed or not.

Mini Grant - Projects

Chair Stevens stated that anyone interested in applying for the NJHC grants that the information has to be put into SAGE by August 16, 2013.

Application Revision Committee Update

Commissioner Curcio stated that there hasn't been any time to properly look at the application. Chair Stevens stated that a need application would need to be posted in the middle of August if possible for next round, but if that could not be done the old application would still work.

IV. COMMISSION PROJECTS

Arts

Kids Kulture:

Commissioner Jones reported that Kids Kulture is on summer break. Chair Stevens did ask Commissioner Hewitt if she would like to participate in taking over some of the duties of the program. Commissioner Jones did briefly give her some details along with Chair Stevens and Commissioner Rice about the programs general status. Commissioner Jones and Rice will give more information to Commissioner Hewitt about the program.

Art Exhibition at Prallsville Sawmill Gallery:

Chair Stevens reported that she got a quote for a 10x8 banner for the approximate amount of \$240.00 at Crown Trophy. Commissioner Jones and Hunt are meeting with Walter Chandoha to look at his Black and White Shadow Box art work. Commissioner Hunt stated that they have a few more artists to get to gather before the catalog can be completed for the exhibit.

Art Goes to School:

Chair Stevens stated that she talked to Joan Wolsiefer, and Joanne said that they are hopeful for a meeting sometime in August.

History & Preservation

Site Signs

Commissioner Kuhl presented another rough draft list of site signs for the commission to review. Chair Stevens will also look into the Revolutionary War Encampment Sites for validating.

Sites of Historic Interest:

Chair Stevens reported that there are no new updates at this time.

Roads of Home:

Commissioner Curcio stated that the book is going well, and that 25 chapters have been finalized at this point. Commissioner Curcio stated that the book will be ready for the tercentennial of Hunterdon County.

Hunterdon's Civil War Vets:

Chair Stevens stated that she ordered 100 more books. Staff reported that in most weeks they sell 2 copies a week. Commissioner Kuhl stated that the selling of the books has greatly slowed due to no advertisement in the local paper. Chair Stevens stated that the sales should pick up round the holidays again.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Flemington Fair

Chair Stevens and the commission have set up the fair schedule for August 21st through 25th, everyone has picked the days that they want to man the C&H table. Chair Stevens also will send out an email to other arts and history groups if they would like to bring in brochures for their groups and we would display them on our table. Chair Stevens advise that all material that will be used for the fair be ready and available by August 20th. Commissioner Jim Davidson will bring his Lindberg Books to sell at the fair when he is staffed at the table. Chair Stevens will inquire about an additional electric hook-up for possible use of a computer to generate a moving slide show of some sort.

NJ 350 Initiative Grant - NJ Historical Commission

Chair Stevens explained that this grant is a 3 year grant. Chair Stevens asked Commissioner Curcio if he looked into whether his book "Roads of Home" would qualify. Commissioner Curcio said that he would look into it more. Commissioner Davidson stated that Mark Falzoni, the curator of the NJ State Police Museum is looking for a publisher for his book the "Battle of Jutland", Chair Stevens though that maybe he could apply for the NJ350 grant for the monies needed.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Pickell/Rice: Architecture for 300th

No updates at this time. Chair Stevens asked if they still wanted to do the projects, Pickell replied "that he is waiting till fall when his jobs slow down". Chair Stevens stated we will pick this project up again in the fall with Commissioner Pickell and Rice.

Farmer Interviews

Chair Stevens stated that there are enough to start with the pictures and interview process. A county car has been reserved for a day next week to go out with the photographers and start.

HCPB/C&H Recognition 2014 / Graphics

No updates at this time.

First 300 Years of Hunterdon County Book

Commissioner Jones reported that they are working on getting more photographs. She is currently looking for a barn photo for the cover of the book; Chair Stevens said that the best small Dutch barn would be Perry's Barn. Perry's Sheep Farm is located in Readington Township. Commissioner Jones said she is also looking for an old mill photo. Taylors Mill in Readington was the only one left that Chair Stevens could think of and that is in ruins now. Commissioner Jones had said that Pam at the print shop needs the photos by the November elections so that printing could start the second week of January. Commissioner Rice said that she would like the look of the book to be similar to the Civil War book that she worked on.

Clawson House

Commissioner Davidson reported that the 3 year old grant that they applied for will now be put to use, work has finally started on the Clawson House.

VII ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE:

- There will be no C&H meeting in August. Meeting to resume in September.

- Investigate the creation of a Facebook page for Cultural & Heritage.
- Commissioner Davidson reported that the Linberg Estate is now a locked down facility for girls. No one is allowed on the property as per the Warden.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, **Commissioner Curcio moved to adjourn. Motion carried** Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM

Respectfully submitted
Susan Holcombe-Pena