

**Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission
MINUTES**

**Regular Monthly Meeting
9:30 a.m., Thursday November 21st, 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,
James Davidson, Anne M. Hewitt PhD

Absent: Elizabeth Rice

Staff Present: Susan Holcombe-Pena

I. O.P.M.A.

At 9:38 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 OCTOBER 31st, 2013 MINUTES

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

No additions or corrections

APPROVAL OF THE 2014 MEETING DATES

The list of 2014 meeting dates has been approved. Only change from the normal fourth Thursday of the month, will be the November meeting will take place on December 3rd due to scheduling conflict. **Moved by the Commission, Motion Carried.**

III. GRANT REPORTS

NJSCA (New Jersey State Council on the Arts)

Chair Stevens stated that there is nothing new since the last meeting. LAP- Re-grant distribution had been approved last month and funding will be distributed shortly.

NJHC (New Jersey Historical Commission)

Nothing to report at this time

Special Projects - 300th Grants

Chair Stevens reported that the panel consisted of Mike Gronsky, Pat Olsen, Estelle Katcher. Out of 17 applications and 3 requests for mini's, not many qualified for the grants because of this year's requirement to have a project relating to the 300th. The amount of grant money totaled \$22,210.00, not enough money to fund the applications. Chair Stevens had said now Cindy Yard and Marcia Karrow have to decide on if they agree with the panel's decision. As of yet the Commission is waiting for the outcome from the 300th Committee. Chair Stevens reported the Commission now awaits the response of Cindy Yard and Marcia Karrow to the list of grantees.

Mini Grant - Projects

Nothing to report at this time

IV. COMMISSION PROJECTS

Arts

Kids Kulture:

Commissioner Jones reported we have encumbered \$950.00 for a performance at Delaware Township Schools on January 29th, 2014 by the Pushcart Players on the states 350th celebration in compliance to the State's wishes. There is \$261.00 left in the budget and will be used to purchase white foam core mount photos selected from the student competition for display. Kids Kulture budget for next year's stands at \$5000.00.

Art Goes to School:

Chair Stevens reported that AGTS has a meeting scheduled on November 20th 2013. Letters were sent this year to the Principals and to the art and enrichment teachers. There has been a greater response and the schools are calling in to make arrangements.

Art Show 2014:

K-12 Student Photos Interpreting Hunterdon History: Commissioner Jones reported that from May 10 until June 29, the assembly room kitchen side has been reserved for the exhibition. She has identified high-quality interlocking panels that can be rented on a first come, first served basis. Thirty panels 30 inches wide by 8 feet tall have a rental price of \$765.00. The commission would need to agree on the charge and a pickup in Lancaster County, PA. Next step is to get the schools involved. Commissioner Jones suggested working off the Kids Kulture list she has developed, and researching more names.

300th Mural being done by Paul Jennis:

Chair Stevens said the artist needs more suggestions for the last panel "1900's". Commission brained stormed with many ideas to forward to Paul.

History & Preservation

Site Signs:

Commissioner Kuhl reported that nine signs are done. He and the County road crew will take their annual trip to site placement. Commissioner Kuhl also reported that the Delaware sign has been put on hold until more research verifies the information. Commissioner Kuhl also said that as of yet he has no recommendations for next year, suggestions are welcome but should be given to him in writing.

Sites of Historic Interest:

Nothing to report at this time

Roads of Home:

Commission Curcio reported that he modified his book to note that the roads go across New Jersey not just Hunterdon County to better accommodate rules for the State's 350 Historical Grant. Results will be revealed at the end of December.

Hunterdon's Civil War Vets:

Chair Stevens said that she has been selling them at the Readington Library. The Campenellis and the 300th Commission also have been selling books. He is currently awaiting money on them.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Facebook Page & Web Page updates and ideas

Staff Susan Holcombe-Pena reported that the Facebook page has been approved by the freeholders. Carrie in IT will set up the page. A flip book/flipchart of the Historic Court House has been brought up, and photos will be compiled to start something up. She plans to take scan old slides to create "books" for the public to look at this. The plan is do different topics each month if feasible. Commissioner Curcio will help with this project when feasible. A website review in process hopefully with the hope of implementation January.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Pickell/Rice: Architecture for 300th

Project has been tabled indefinitely.

Farmer Interviews

Chair Stevens reported that the interviews are finished. Just one or two pictures from the Rungees need to be done; the brother needs to be present. Commissioner Jones is doing the editing and the book should be around 100 pages and be done sometime the end of 2014.

HCPB/C&H Recognition 2014 / Graphics

Project tabled until next meeting.

First 300 Years of Hunterdon County Book

Commissioner Jones reported that the book is just about complete. There will be 500 copies made. About \$8.94 a copy. 184 pages approx. Commissioner Jones stated that the freeholders would be paying for the publication of the books for the 300th. The total bill for the publication would run about \$4468.00

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE:

Commissioner Jim Davidson discussed story teller, Ron O'Reilly who proposed to do a dialog play between Cynthia Dubois and Dr. Larson to the East Amwell Historical Commission. It has been scheduled for the performance in February at the little theatre at the high school. Commissioner Davidson said that \$750.00 is needed to pay the experienced actress. Chair Stevens said she would look into if grant monies could be obtained.

Staff Susan Holcombe-Pena spoke with Mark Titus at the Library and he has said we could use the showcase to promote our books for December.

• VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, **Commissioner Curcio moved to adjourn. Motion carried** Meeting adjourned at 11:07 AM

Respectfully submitted
Susan Holcombe-Pena