

**Lower Merion Historical Society  
Minutes of the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Board Meeting  
Lower Merion Academy  
Sunday, April 26, 2015**

**Present:** Jerry Francis, Ken Brier, Leon Levine, Joanne Murray, Louis Barson, Patrick Doyle, Perry Hamilton, John Hepp, Martha Moffat, Carole Strickland, Ted Goldsborough.

**Excused Absences:** Max Buten, Pete Hoskins, Bobbie McElroy

Jerry Francis called the meeting to order at 11:30am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Minutes of the January 19, 2015 Board Meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

**Jerry Francis made Opening Remarks** on the topic of *Life Post Cynwyd Train Station Revitalization*. Some of the Society's initiatives can be outlined as:

STEWARDSHIP OF LOCAL HISTORY

- We are in control of two *historical* resources; namely, the Lower Merion Academy & the Cynwyd Train Station.
- Our *Special Library Collection* has been recognized by the *Historical Society of Pennsylvania* for its excellence in quality and quantity.
- New acquisitions of our *Special Library Collection* is ongoing.

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EDUCATION OF THE COMMUNITY

- Provide continuing education of our volunteers.
- Offer free workshops, lectures and events to the general public.
- Ongoing website development. Our library collection is the backbone of our organization, our virtual library has many virtual users with more than 2 million visits since November 2001.
- Perform personalized research for our library patrons...at no charge.
- Various publishing venues; for example, *Main Line Today* magazine, *Main Line Times* newspaper, LMTV shows, eNewsletter "Milestones", Facebook and YouTube.

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PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

- The *William Penn Inn* - need I say more!
- Challenges - revitalization of the *Egyptian (Bala) Theater*.
- Designation of Milestones as "*historic objects*".
- Re-dedication of the 1919 DAR plaque at St. John's in Bala Cynwyd

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OUTREACH TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE

We sponsor two local organizations; namely,

- *Cub Scouts Pack 581* (feeder troop in Boy Scouts Bala One)
  - \* Bi weekly events and camping experiences.
  - \* Perform community service at the Cynwyd Station Park Clean-Up
- *Friends of the Cynwyd Station Park*
  - \* Turtle Island Tree Sculpture.
  - \* P&CRR Maker and Interpretive Sign.

In the near future...*Lower Merion and Narberth Community Television*.

In the future...Lower Merion Preservation Foundation.

**Treasurer's Report.** Leon Levine submitted a preliminary *Profit & Loss Statement* from January through December 2014. The *Financial Review Statement* for January through March 2015 is in progress. When the tax season is over, Gay Kay (J. Bernard Kay & Company CPA) will produce this report and it will be available at our June meeting.

**2014 Financial Review Report.** Carole Strickland & Perrin Hamilton reported that when the tax season is over, Gay Kay (J. Bernard Kay & Company CPA) will continue his meeting with them of the review 2014 activity.

**Public Access Television Report.** Ken Brier & Perrin Hamilton updated the board with their meetings with the *Cable Television Advisory Committee* (CTAC). Negotiations are proceeding smoothly with a collaborative agreement between *Lower Merion & Narberth Community Television* and *Radnor Studio 21*.

**Nominating Committee Report and the Election of Officers and Directors.** The Committee nominated the following slate of Officers and they were elected for a two-year term:

**President:** Gerald A. Francis  
**Vice President:** Kenneth L. Brier  
**Treasurer:** Leon Levine  
**Corresponding Secretary:** (intentionally left vacant)  
**Recording Secretary:** Barbara C. McElroy

The Committee nominated the following slate of Directors and they were elected for a three-year term:

**Class of 2018:** Louis Barson, Patrick A. Doyle, Sr., Joanne Murray

The meeting adjourned at 12:30pm and reconvened at the  
**Cynwyd Station Park**  
 For the *Third Annual Craft Fair and (Mostly) Native Plant Sale*

The Next Board Meeting is Scheduled for  
 Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 7:30pm  
 at the Lower Merion Academy

Respectfully Submitted by Jerry Francis