

The Lower Merion Historical Society

Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, June 24, 2010

The Lower Merion Academy

Present: JerryFrancis, Denise Francis, Ted Goldsborough, Sarah Bonnice, Max Buten, PhilEidelson, Ross Mitchell, Joanne Murray, Steve Salinger, Jack Hagner, BruceReed, Ann Bagley, Doug Bagley, Bobbie McElroy.

Absent: Andy Amsterdam, Leon Levine, Anna O’Hora, DennisMontagna.

Jerry called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

The Minutes of the January 21, 2010 Executive Board Meeting were unanimously approved as written.

The Minutes of the April 18, 2010 Annual Meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Cynwyd Train Station Stabilization (Phase 1). A location and program are to be developed.

Direct Mail Campaign: Steve Selinger is working to secure the voter registration list for Lower Merion and Narberth. He is trying to finish by August 16th.

Statement of Financial Position as of May 31, 2010: Jack Hagner presented the Historical Society’s Statement of Activities and Detailed Expenses for 5 months, ending May 31, 2010 with notes for each of the statements. A motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, as presented, was unanimously approved.

2010 Budget: Jack presented this report. A motion to approve the Budget, as presented, was unanimously approved.

2009 Financial Review: A committee, consisting of Ann Bagley and Philip Bagley, has reviewed the financial statements of 2009 and found the statements to be in good order. A motion to accept the Financial Review, as presented, was unanimously approved.

Education: Ted and Jerry hosted 16 lectures and events from January 1st to May 31st. Most were done by Ted and thanks were expressed to Ted for his dedication and energy.

Library: Ted Goldsborough displayed a collection of letters, written to Russell Byerley by Lower Merion High School students who were in World War II, that have been presented to the Historical Society. Farilyn Leopold has arranged these letters alphabetically and placed them in sheet protectors and into binders. Aliza Reese, a student volunteer, has made a database for all the pictures to combine them with the letters.

Website: Max Buten is talking to the organization that operates [www://phillyhistory.org](http://phillyhistory.org) about storing the Historical Society's pictures on their website. They could sell our images from their site. Max will find out how that will work. Ted and Max continue to take photos to be put on our website.

Membership: Denise Francis reported that 88 "Second Notices" were sent out on June 15th. There has been some response.

Program: Joanne Murray and Sarah Bonnice are working on a program for the Heritage Trail's connection to the Cynwyd Train Station. They are looking into a walk along the trail with a visit to the Train Station. The program will probably be combined with the October 2nd event. When the construction part of the trail begins, the trail will be closed, because heavy equipment needs to be used to hardscape and softscape the trail surfaces.

Public Relations/Publications: Arcadia Publishing has agreed to publish our book “Lower Merion and Narberth” by October 4th. Jerry hopes that they will agree to push back the date, to before Oct. 1st, to accommodate our Banquet.

Old Business:

* Upgrade to the HVAC in the Archive Room - A commercial de-humidifier was installed in the Archive Room on June 14th. The unit is able to maintain a better humidity.

* Repair of the fireplace in the attic – on hold until the leak around the chimney flashing is repaired.

* W. Robert Swartz Collection – this collection is being reviewed on a time available basis.

* Repair and re-installation of the Lancaster Avenue Milestones #5 located near St. Charles Seminary – nothing to report at this time.

* Removal and re-installation of the Lancaster Avenue Milestone #9 located in front of Ludington Library. This stone has been moved to storage at Ashbridge Park until completion of construction on Ludington Library.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:32PM

The next Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for

Thursday, September 16, 2010 at 7:30 PM at the Lower Merion Academy

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbie McElroy, Recording Secretary