

Minutes of
Lower Merion Historical Society's Executive Board Meeting
At the Lower Merion Academy
Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 7:30 PM
Second Floor Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Francis at 7:30 PM

The assembled pledged their allegiance to the flag of the USA

Attendance:

Jerry Francis, Pres., Ken Brier, V.P., Perry Hamilton, Sec., Leon Levine, Treas., Christina Fink, Joanne Murray, Pete Hoskins,,Bobbie McElroy, Carole Strickland, Max Buten.

Excused Absence: Martha Moffatt, Bruce Gill, and Gary Brock

Invited Guests: Minshall Painter, Tamara Waters, Brad Upp

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the meeting of September 18, 2017 were approved

President's Report: Jerry Francis

- With unprecedented change in recent years, many people from around the township have mentioned to Jerry that the *Lower Merion Historical Society* is viewed by many as the "Gate Keeper" of History as well as social and cultural heritage of this unique township and borough.
- Names are proposed for posses of the *Lower Merion Society for the Prevention of Horse Thieves and the Detection of Stolen Horses* (commonly called the Horse Company). This was important to finalize as membership mailings are going out and all members of the *Lower Merion Historical Society* are also members of the Horse Company and as such, are to be assigned to a posse. It was decided that posses are to be formed according to zip codes and will be organized as follows:

19003	The Ardmore Avengers
19004	The Bala Cynwyd, Belmont Hills Rough Riders
19010	The Bryn Mawr, Rosemont Rangers
19035	The Gladwyne Guards
19041	The Haverford Protectors
19066	The Merion Sentinels
19072	The Narberth, Penn Valley Paladins
19085	The Villanova Vigilantes
19096	The Wynnewood Warriors
At Large	The American Brigade

- Christina Fink reported that 61 people paid to attend the Horse Company Dinner this past November and 56 people showed up. The next dinner will be held on November 10, 2018. This will be the 200th Anniversary of the Horse Company.
- Jerry then informed us that due to difficulties with Verizon and AOL, there was a high "bounce rate" with our latest membership emailing. This is being worked on.
- Jerry pointed out that our server is being hacked which is why our web site is often not functioning.

Treasurer's Report: Leon Levine

We are still accumulating the final numbers to have a yearend report. At the end of 2016 we had \$61,000.00 in the bank and at the end of 2017, we have \$61,400.00. Our cash position is improving, if only slightly.

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Programs:

- March 6, 2018 – Lecture in Phoenixville about Manayunk's Industrial Heritage
- May 19, 2018 – Annual Merion Friends Meeting Festival
- November 10, 2018 – Annual Dinner of Horse Company
- November 11, 2018 – 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day at Merion Tribute House.

Property & Grounds: Ken Brier

- Ken told us how important it is to support the coffee shop in the Cynwyd Station.

Unfinished Business:

- Brad Upp gave an update of his significant findings on the grounds of the Philadelphia Country Club of the remains of *Camp Discharge*.
- Jerry Francis gave an update on the book being published by Kevin Righter about the Pencoyd Iron Works.

New Business:

- Budget Committee appointed - Leon Levine and Jerry Francis
- Financial Review Committee appointed - Perry Hamilton
- Nominating Committee appointed – Christina Fink, Ken Brier, and Jerry Francis
- Terms will be up for Joanne Murray, Pat Boyle, and Lou Barson.

The meeting was adjourned by 9:25 PM

Respectfully submitted:
Perrin C. Hamilton Jr.
Secretary