

# Lower Merion Historical Society

The Academy Building  
506 Bryn Mawr Ave, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

Jan 14, 2020

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lower Merion Historical Society was convened at 7:32 by President Jerry Francis.

**In Attendance:** Jerry Francis, Leon Levine, Bobbie McElroy, Perrin Hamilton, Martha Moffat, Carole Strickland, Ross Mitchel, Joanne Murray, Brad Upp, Rachel Wolgemuth, Gary Brock, Ted Goldsborough.

Excused Absences: Ken Brier, Christina Fink, Max Buten, Bruce Gill

Invited Guests: Marcella Kubovsak, Jim Oswald

**Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report of September 26, 2019 were approved as submitted.

**Special guest presentation:** Ted Goldsborough introduced Marcella Kubovsak, the executrix of the Estate of Victoria Donohoe. Marcella presented a check to the Historical Society for \$98,318.03. This represented a portion of the residue of the Estate of our long time member Victoria Donohoe. There was much discussion of Victoria who was best known to Jerry Francis and Ted Goldsborough. Upon her departure, Gary Brock moved for a letter of thanks be sent to Marcella. There was a unanimous consensus for this.

Jerry pointed out that Ted Goldsborough is continuing to do a series through LMTV called *Then and Now*.

Jerry pointed out that since Frank Weer passed away, the staff of the LM Historical Society has completed going through the collection of railroad photos that Frank left to the LM Historical Society. Ted Goldsborough moved, and Carole Strickland seconded that the remainder of these photos, that have nothing to do with Lower Merion, are to be donated to the Hagley Museum of Wilmington Delaware. This motion passed unanimously.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

- Leon Levine presented the financial reports that showed that we nearly broke even and ended the year with a small deficit. This deficit was due to unexpected events such as the expenditure on the Caretaker's Apartment at the Cynwyd Station as he left the apartment in a mess.
- Carole Strickland wants a report that more closely reflects the recommendations of the financial Review Committee. It was agreed that this will happen by the next meeting.

## **Data Base Administration:**

Joanne Murray, who will be leaving our board in April. Time permitting, she will be staying on with us for several more months to continue work on the membership database.

## **Website:**

George Lonsdorf reported that he is working on our website but there is a need for upgrade of some equipment.

## **Membership:**

A renewal letter is going out in the mail this coming Saturday.

## **Programs:**

Perry Hamilton will be going out to promote the book on *Pencoyd Iron Works* that is being finished by Kevin Righter. Woodford will be holding *Derby Day* on the day of the Kentucky Derby for the Horse Company

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## Property & Grounds:

- The Academy Building is in good shape as of this meeting.
- The Trail's End Café at the Cynwyd Station is doing well.
- The previous tenant of the Cynwyd Station left us with about \$5,000.00 worth of damages to repair

## Public Relations:

- Brad spoke about the progress that he and Jim Remsen is making on the writing *Camp Discharge* book
- Jerry updated us on the writing of Kevin Righter's book.

## Old Business:

- The LM Historical Society is sponsoring Troop #581 of the Cub Scouts of America

## New Business:

- There was the appointment to the Budget Committee of Jerry and Leon Levine.
- Gary Brock and Carole Strickland were appointed to the Finance Committee
- Ken Brier, Perry Hamilton, and Jerry Francis were named to the Nominating Committee.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be the Annual Meeting on April 16, 2020.

## Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Perrin C. Hamilton Jr.  
Recording Secretary