

The Lower Merion Historical Society
Minutes of the meeting of
September 27, 2018

In attendance:

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| Jerry Francis, President | Ken Brier, Vice President | Perry Hamilton, Secretary |
| Leon Levine, Treasurer | Bobbie McElroy | Joanne Murray |
| Christina Fink | Martha Moffat | Ted Goldsborough |
| Carole Strickland | Max Buten | Bill Cramer-guest |

Those who called in unable to attend:

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| Brad Upp | Gary Brock |
| Ross Mitchell | Bruce Gill |

President Jerry Francis opened the meeting at 7: 30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer's Report: Leon Levine presented the Treasurer's Report which was discussed. Basically all is well with the finances as we have a new tenant for the Cynwyd Station apartment. The previous tenant was allowed to pay a discounted rent in the last month or so. Also, to prepare to rent to another tenant, it was necessary to spend nearly \$4,000.00 for painting, cleaning and etc. We now have a two year lease with a slightly higher rent which puts us in stable financial condition.

Secretary's Report: The Minutes of June 19, 2018, were unanimously approved as submitted. This was moved by Carole Strickland and seconded by Christina Fink.

Finance Committee Report: Perry Hamilton submitted the report of the Finance Committee in writing. The report indicates that all is acceptable in the procedures of handling our finances. There were recommendations that the Treasurer's Reports in the future offer a clearer picture of profit and loss of specific activities of the Historical Society so that the board can quickly and clearly see where money is being made or lost. All agreed.

President's Report: Jerry Francis reported in writing.

- Jerry Francis announced that longtime leader of the Boy Scouts, Bill Swyer, passed away
- With the retirement of Pete Hoskins, Ken Brier will interview Rachel Wolgemuth for a seat on our board
- Christine Hughes will replace Joanne Murray in doing the layout of our "Milestones."
- The LM Historical Soc. has 227 members of whom 183 are paid up to date.
- Jerry announced that we will use Google Analytics to review our web visits to maximize the value of our web sight to visitors.
- Jerry discussed the forthcoming 200th Anniversary Dinner of the Horse Company in November. The LM Historical Society will be promoting this event by sending announcements and reminders to all Society members by email.
- Jerry discussed programs that are coming up in the future. Perry Hamilton will offer a presentation of the history of the Reading Railroad on Sunday afternoon, Oct 6, 2018, at the Trail's End Café. Also, between 3:00 and 5:00 PM on November 11, 2018, there will be a recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice of WWI. This will be held at the Merion Tribute House. Both events will be publicized by the Society.

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- Jerry advised the board of the extensive cleaning of the Academy Building by the maintenance department of the LM School District. Our building is in very good condition.
- Jerry advised us that the Lower Merion Conservancy worked in our Academy Building for about two weeks while there was property repair to their facility.
- Jerry announced that the Trail's End Café will be leaving us in the near future and that we are actively seeking a new tenant to take their place.
- There was a discussion of the book to be written by Brad Upp and Jim Remsen on Camp Discharge.

Guest presenter, Bill Cramer.

Bill Cramer owns a local business that specializes in data base storage among other things. Bill discussed with the board the options available to our LM Historical Society for making our library accessible to the public on the Internet.

Bill reviewed for us that electronic storage of data has progressed over the years from floppy disks, to hard drives, to CD's, memory sticks, and other storage devices. None of this is everlasting. Bill tells us that the latest and greatest in data storage is the cloud. Bill will give the Historical Society a proposal for time and money needed for storing our data in the cloud. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

New Business:

- The book about the history of the Pencoyd Iron Works, which is being written by Kevin Righter, has had the support of the LM Historical Society's facilities. But it was proposed that our Society offer financial support. It was moved by Carole Strickland and seconded by Ken Brier that the Lower Merion Historical Society donate \$500.00 to the publishing of this book. After discussion, this passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Perrin C. Hamilton Jr.

Secretary