

The Lower Merion Historical Society
The Lower Merion Academy
Minutes of January 24, 2019 Board Meeting

In attendance:

Jerry Francis, President	Max Buten	Perry Hamilton, Secretary
Leon Levine, Treasurer	Bobbie McElroy	Joanne Murray
Brad Upp	Ross Mitchell	Ted Goldsborough
Carole Strickland	Gary Brock	Rachel Wolgemuth
		Bill Cramer-guest
		Jim Oswald-guest

Those who called in unable to attend:

Ken Brier	Christina Fink	Bruce Gill
Martha Moffat		

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

Treasurer's Report: Leon Levine presented the budget for 2019 which was discussed.

- The bulk of our income for 2019 will be the rental income from the café business and the caretaker who resides in the upper floor. Both sources of income are sound.
- Expenses for 2019 will be similar to those of 2018.
- We expect that 2019 will be a financially stable year.

Secretary's Report: The Minutes of September 27, 2018, were unanimously approved as submitted.

President's Report: Jerry Francis reported in writing.

- Jerry Francis welcomed everyone to our 70th year. The Historical Society started in 1949.
- Rachel Wolgumuth was nominated and then elected to a seat on our board. Rachel will be filling the seat of Pete Hoskins.
- Joanne Murray and Christine Hughes are maintaining our data base
- For our Library, Ted Goldsborough is researching and cataloguing businesses of Lower Merion and also photographing homes that are being demolished.
- Jerry showed us a newly acquired map of Lower Merion. This particular map is illustrated with icons that point out the various sights of interest in our township.
- Jerry announced that membership renewal has been sent out.
- Jerry discussed programs that are coming up in the future. Perry Hamilton will offer a presentation of the history of the Reading Railroad on Wednesday evening, May 15, 2019, at the Bala Cynwyd Library. Jerry also pointed out that the event at the Merion Tribute House honoring the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice of WWI was a great success.
- Jerry announced that the Trail's End Café will be leaving us in the near future and that we have a new tenant who has purchased the business. This transfer is expected to occur seamlessly.
- There was a discussion of the book to be written by Brad Upp and Jim Remsen on Camp Discharge. Brad Upp brought us up to date on his research at Camp Discharge. At this time, Kevin Righter's book on Pencoyd Iron Works was discussed.
- Jerry reported that both properties, the Cynwyd Station and the Academy are in good shape.

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Old Business:

- The organizers of the Horse Company Dinner has submitted a bill to the Lower Merion Historical Society for \$2,200.00 to cover additional costs of the dinner. This amount is in excess of the \$1,700.00 that we have already paid for this same event. It was moved by Perry and seconded by Joanne that the LMHS not pay this additional amount of \$2,200.00. After subsequent discussion it was unanimously passed. During discussion, it was pointed out that the \$1,700.00 that we paid wiped out all of the funds that we have received from the Horse Company and that this additional bill was sent to us by surprise. To pay any of the excess would upset our delicately balanced budget which we just reviewed this evening.
- Bill Cramer is looking for volunteer help with social media. We will recruit for this as well as try to offer scanning services for neighbors.

New Business:

- Jerry announced that he took an online seminar for Cub Scout training since the scouts are no longer just for boys.
- Jerry informed us that due to efforts of the LMHS and others, the Egyptian Theater is now a class one historical sight which means they are not to disturb the façade.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted:
Perrin C. Hamilton Jr.
Secretary