

Lower Merion Historical Society

Minutes of the Meeting of June 27, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

In Attendance: Jerry Francis, Ken Brier, Leon Levine, Bobbie McElroy, Ted Goldsborough, Martha Moffat, Carole Strickland, Brad Upp, Max Buten, and Rachael Wolgemuth

Excused Absences: Perrin Hamilton, Christina Fink, Ross Mitchell, Joanne Murray, Gary Brock, and Bruce Gill

Invited Guest: George Lonsdorf

Secretary's Report: The Minutes of the Secretary's Report of April, 2019 were approved as submitted. This was moved by Ken Brier and seconded by Martha Moffat. The vote was unanimous.

President's Report: Jerry Francis.

- Jerry pointed out that in our 70th year, several of our board members have become increasingly active in other pursuits. Perry Hamilton was recently elected President of the Federation of Civic Associations, Martha Moffat accepted a new job at the Historical Society of Delaware, and Ross Mitchell also has a new job as Executive Director at Glen Foerd.
- The Historical Status of the WCAU Building has not been addressed by the Lower Merion Board of Commissioners and so that issue is currently moot.
- There is nothing new to report regarding the status of the Egyptian Theater
- Members of the LM Historical Society have been invited to tour the Islamic Center either July 8th or 9th, before there is any demolition. Board members are to let Jerry know if they want to attend this tour.
- The Merion Meeting House has received a \$25,000.00 grant from the Pennsylvania Historical Commission
- The Ashbridge House received a matching grant from the Pennsylvania Historical Commission of \$100,000.00. This is added to the \$100,000.00 they received from the Lower Merion Capital Improvement Fund.
- On June 8th there was a workshop held at the Academy Building in Lower Merion among nearby Historical Societies regarding the future survival of our area historical societies.

Treasurer's Report: Leon Levine.

The condition of the finances of the LM Historical Society remains stable with the predicted \$500.00 deficit. Jerry announced that Gary Brock will perform the Financial Review.

Report of Activities of the Lower Merion Historical Society

- Jerry also announced that the website has been cleaned up with the "gift shop" being removed. There have been two newsletters sent out this year.
- Second notice for dues went out June 15th
- Jerry pointed out that since the middle school is being used for summer school elementary grades, the annual summer cleaning schedule of the Academy Building is not yet determin

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- Ken Brier reported that our tenant at the Cynwyd Station has complained about light and noise pollution.
- Jerry reported that Bill Cramer will be working on Public Relations. On May 31st, Jerry Francis was among the interviewees on CBS3 story on how the Main Line got its name.
- On May 4th, along with Woodford Mansions, the Horse Company celebrated the Kentucky Derby. The overall attendance was over 200 people.
- Brad Upp reported that he has purchased two antique pictures of Camp Discharge veterans. Recently Brad and Jim Remsen traveled to the National Archives in Washington DC where they uncovered the roster books of the people who were there.
- Jim Remsen reported that he has received permission to write the book on Camp Discharge from the History Press.
- Carole Strickland reported that she has read the transcripts of Kevin Righter's book Rolling on the River and has offered him her feedback. We await publication of this book which the Society has been supporting.
- Ken Brier reports that the Ad Hoc Committee on fund raising has met and plans to meet again soon. Ken will keep us apprised of any ideas and actions that come from these meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM

The next meeting will be September 26, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Strickland, Secretary Pro tem

Transcribed by Perry Hamilton, Recording Secretary