

Minutes for June 1, 2018 NJLA History & Preservation Section Meeting held at Harrah's Convention Center, Atlantic City, NJ.

The meeting was called to order at 12:27 PM. In attendance were Section officers Tom Ankner, Carolyn Dorsey, Ken Kaufman, and Nancy Madacsi. Also in attendance were Colleen Goode, Annamarie Klose Hrubes, Sarah Hull, Elizabeth McDermott, Heather Perez, and Carolyn Wood.

Introductions were made.

Ken presented the February 8, 2018 minutes for review. Sarah motioned and Carolyn seconded that the minutes be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Tom plans to organize an executive retreat for the summer at Newark Public Library. The group will look at outstanding issues pertaining to the Section's transition into the new term. He announced the upcoming office holders, as follows:

Tom Ankner -- President
Sarah Hull -- Vice President
Ken Kaufman -- Secretary
Sarah Kiefer -- Member-at-large
Ricketta Wilson Lobban -- Member-at-large
Jessica Myers -- Member-at-large
Gary Saretzky -- Member-at-large

Vice President's Report

Nancy reported on our sponsored programs at this year's conference. There have been disappointments with the availability of books for sale from the author's program, as well as the scheduling of our sponsored programs (since they were split between the two days). Despite these issues, the completed programs have been a success in content and attendance, and continued success is expected for the afternoon programs.

Committee Reports

Professional Development – There was strong response to our two programs in April, titled “Archival Basics: Tools for the Unexpected Archivist” and “Yesterday's News for Today's Technology: Exploring the New Jersey Digital Newspaper Project”. On September 25th at Plainfield Public Library, the Section will be hosting a half-day seminar on managing archival collections.

Social Media – Our Facebook page had 171 likes from January through May. It has reached 336 people. If we become more consistent with updating content, it could generate more activity.

Newsletter – The next deadline for “The Chronicle” will be earlier to publicize an earlier active schedule of programs and events. Colleen received positive feedback from the group on length of the last issue.

Awards – Chad Leinaweaver received 2018 The Susan Swartzburg Award last night.

Announcements

Each meeting participant discussed projects, exhibits, and events at her respective organization. Several libraries were offering new genealogy classes, while Plainfield Public Library hosted a meeting on starting a community genealogy club. Digitization projects and events continued through grant funded initiatives at Newark Public Library and Somerset County Library System, while Red Bank Library made progress on adding yearbook content of Red Bank Catholic High School to their collection. Ocean County has acquired a new scanner.

Red Bank Library has posted a history with finding aid for its Eisner Family Collection. As the donor for the library building, the family has been the primary library benefactor.

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will have on display a photograph exhibit that highlights the neighborhoods of Atlantic City, which is in conjunction with the citywide arts initiative, “48 blocks”.

The Tri-County History Fair will be at Plainfield Public Library on September 29th.

Adjournment

Without objections, the meeting was adjourned 1:10 PM. Next meeting will be October 17th at Monmouth County Library.

Submitted by Ken Kaufman.