



February 2018 Minutes

Meeting was held at the Arc of Cape May in South Dennis. Mr. DiCicco opened the meeting with a flag salute. Mr. Rebmann took roll. Board members DiCicco, Laughlin, Matthews, and Rebmann, Gooch and O'Grady were present.

Also attending were Friends members, Reverend and Mrs. Fred Marz, Alice McGuigan. Kathy Bresan.

January meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer Don Gooch reported a balance of \$3300.63 and one new membership. Mr. Laughlin updated the board on the cost for annual domain renewal, \$99. The board voted to go ahead with the renewal. Ms. Matthews presented the Friends with a computer from the Arc. Mr. Rebmann informed the board that he'd submitted the paperwork that will release funding awarded to the organization (\$1000) from Cape May County Culture and Heritage

Mr. Rebmann and Mr. DiCicco will contact Slack Tide Brewery after Labor Day regarding a possible fundraising event for the Friends at that venue. Ms. Matthews suggested also contacting Cold Spring Village Brewery for the same reason. She has a contact at CSV and will find out how such an event can be arranged.

Ms. Matthews also indicated that her employer and meeting host, the Arc, was presenting a computer to the Friends as previously offered and agreed upon, now that the Arc has gotten its new technology. Members accepted the "in kind" donation from the Arc. Mr. Laughlin will determine what is required to update or modify the computer programming for museum use. Ms. Matthews suggested looking into "Software for Nonprofits" to find more economical software.

Mr. DiCicco pointed out the need of another fundraising event to keep the Friends' momentum going. He and Mr. Rebmann will visit Slack Tide Brewery to make arrangements. Mr. Rebmann also suggested a return fundraiser to Cold Spring Brewery. Both will be pursued along with Ms. Matthew's suggestion of March and April dates for the fundraisers.

Mrs. McGuigan, a long-time resident of Dennisville, and one of the original founders of the museum, asked several questions about the Friends' membership and officers. Mr. Rebmann will provide her with a list of the members and officers as she requested. Mr. DiCicco added that once the by-laws had been finalized, an election of new officers might be scheduled.

Regarding that matter, Mr. Laughlin indicated that he will submit a written resignation from the board, given that he may be compensated for future technology work for the Friends. He continues as a member of the organization.

Mr. Rebmann discussed the recent visit of Joshua Fox from NJ Association of Museums Artifacts Assessment Program. Mr. Fox conducted an evaluation of the museum's facility and exhibits and will issue a report of recommendations on how the museum can improve its preservation and maintenance of artifacts. There was no cost for this evaluation.

Mr. DiCicco and Mr. Rebmann described the results of their February 21 meeting with Scott Turner, Township Committee liaison to the museum and Township Manager Pat Moran. The township intends to bond monies for improvements to various municipal-owned properties and Mr. Moran suggested that the museum could be included in that process. He asked for a summary of work needed and estimated costs which Mr. Rebmann will provide. There was discussion about including the Ludlam School in this process but participants tended to agree to focus on getting the extensive work needed at Old School House completed first. Mr. Rebmann will be certain to keep the township aware of the Ludlam School and its maintenance needs in the mean-time.

Guest speaker Anthony Monzo, Esq. updated attendees on changes he'd made to the draft by laws prepared by Mr. Rebmann. Considerably adding to that work, Mr. Monzo clarified the roles of officers and members, along with establishing set procedures for conducting business. Having already generously donated his time and expertise to this work, he distributed copies of the proposed draft to those in attendance. Board members will review the draft, make recommendations for changes/additions with an eye to voting on establishing the by-laws at the March meeting. Mr. DiCicco led an item by item discussion of the draft, with particular care to establishing that the Friends will operate under a single elected board due to the size of the group. It was recognized that this could be amended in the future.

There being no other Friends business, the meeting was adjourned.

