

Historic Sites Committee of Warren, NJ

May 11, 2023

Members attending: John Lindner, Kari Quirós, Leslie Ellerbusch, Rich Disano, Christy Cwynar, Karl Horster, Alan Siegel, Michael François, Greg Fitzgerald, Rory Britt, Susie Boyce

Visitor: Patrick Gawronski, Margarita Warlick

Excused: Erica Sbarra, Debra Rebetjke

Minutes were read and corrected.

New Business:

- A. Kirch Ford House
 - a. The ground hog needs to be dealt with. DPW has installed chicken wire but it is not working.
- B. Baptist Meeting House
 - a. The garbage has been removed from the front of the building.
 - b. The paint on the east side of the building is peeling.
 - i. John Lindner notified DPW to have area painted but nothing has been done.
- C. Cemeteries
 - a. Alan Siegel showed a pamphlet from ~1990 which has a record of all the Warren cemeteries. That pamphlet is the last copy. Perhaps more copies can be printed?
 - b. Karl Horster would like a group of Historic Sites Committee members to start making a list of the head stones while they are still legible and include a list of the head stones which need to be repaired.
- D. Codington
 - a. Previous stabilization estimates were \$400,000 - \$600,000 but an estimate of \$6,000 has been given for a basic plan.
 - i. Stop bowing in the middle of the roof.
 - ii. Painting should be included in the budget as per the recommendation of the Historic Sites Committee.

E. Hofheimer House

- a. Greg Fitzgerald called Preservation New Jersey (PNJ) and left voicemail but hasn't yet received a response.
 - i. Rory Britt suggested that Greg speak to Rikki Masant (a trustee of PNJ).
- b. Tom Damico suggested that the Historic Sites use the Open Space Fund if the Hofheimer House is classified as a future cultural center / museum.
- c. Green Acre Funds may be used for acquisition.
- d. Promotion for the Hofheimer House – it is important to emphasize the history of the family
 - i. Talk to the Temple Har Shalom to ask if a prominent Jewish resident can talk about the Hofheimer family.
 - ii. Have a presentation on Warren Cable about the Hofheimer family.
 - iii. Alan Siegel made a booklet about Nathan Hofheimer.
 1. The house, grotto, mausoleum, Hickory Hill and The Eaves (no longer in existence) were designed by a well-known architect, and Aline Hofheimer was an early female aviator.
 2. Alan would like copies of the booklet printed and will get some estimates.
 3. Edgewood Pharmacy is open to selling the booklets.

F. Grants

- a. Michael François asked Tom Damico if he would be interested in doing the grant writing for the Historic Sites—he was not interested but said that he may know someone.

G. Video footage

- a. John Lindner will give John George one more week to respond. If he doesn't hear back from him, John will go to the Town.

H. Egg-o-Mat

- a. Fundraising money from the sale of t-shirts will go into a designated fund.
- b. Contagious Graphics is being looked at as a contender to make the t-shirts.
 - i. 300 t-shirts at a cost of \$968 which will have a profit range of \$2900 - \$4300
- c. Vendor ideas for the t-shirt sales:
 - i. The Historical Society and The Elks (The Wagner Arboretum does not want to get involved with the selling of the t-shirts.)

- d. Karl Horster and John Lindner checked out the Egg-o-Mat and reported back that it needs to be dismantled before moving it.
- I. Schmalz Shed
 - a. Karl Horster spoke with John George's father about picking up the shed. John George had painted most of it but did not make any of the needed repairs (i.e. the base).
- J. Archive Room
 - a. The Historic Sites Committee was notified that Code issues need to first be resolved before work can be started.
 - b. More cabinets will be required (there are currently three).

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kari Quiros, Rec. Sec