

Historic Sites Committee of Warren, NJ

September 17, 2020

Members attending: Rory Britt, Susie Boyce, Kari Quirós, Greg Fitzgerald, Karl Horster, John Lindner, Michael François, Debra Rebetje

Excused: Rich Disano, Erica Sbarra, Nancy Micou

Minutes were read.

New Business:

1. Baptist Meeting House
 - a. Work focused on the exterior
 - i. Painting of exterior
 - ii. Repair of ceiling
 - b. Painter was really motivated
 - i. Painter was stopped because he was using electric sanders which can damage historic wood. The workers made the clapboard look like siding.
 - ii. The repair work was inferior and they were told to re-do it.
 - c. Painting of interior is being held off until Phase 3
2. King George Inn site
 - a. The HSC should ask the Town to buy the King George Inn site for Baptist Meeting House parking
3. Codington House
 - a. HSC to stabilize and “mothball” the house.
 - b. Possible future use of building and land for wedding?
4. Hoffheimer House
 - a. Repairs needed
 - i. \$25,000 to fix stairs (emergency exit is crumbling and treads are needed)
 - ii. Basement water damage (estimate was too high)
 1. HSC members did not see any water damage or smell mustiness during the last walk-through.
 2. Perhaps a dehumidifier may be used to reduce cost?

- b. There isn't a plan at this time to knock down the building.
 - c. HSC should document a list of repairs needed to be done to the exterior.
- 5. 50th anniversary of the Warren PD will be in 2022
 - a. HSC should have an article or have an exhibit to celebrate the anniversary.
 - b. Have a reunion and interview original members inside the Hoffheimer House.
- 6. Weekend Journey through the Past (October 10th and 11th)
 - a. Will the tours be in-person or virtual?
 - i. If in-person, will the tours be inside the buildings or only outside of them?
 - ii. If virtual, will the tours be a pre-recorded virtual tour or a Zoom meeting format (i.e. once an hour, a virtual tour will be given with Q&A)
- 7. Duderstadt Farm
 - a. The County allotted \$1.3 million to give as grants for historical projects
 - i. Duderstadt was given \$140,000 for stabilization, mostly for the barn.
- 8. Awards
 - a. County History awards - no one was nominated
 - b. History Education Award recipient – Chris Vanderfleet

Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kari Quiros, Rec. Sec.