

North Brunswick Historical Society, Inc.

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Trustees

January 28, 2025

Members present: Michael Hritz, Rich Liguori, Janice Larkin, Nansi Krauss

Meeting called to order at 6:08pm

Election of Board of Trustees

Elections are required for new four-year terms for the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Hritz shared a letter and ballots sent to the members of our mailing list on January 27th with a return deadline of February 14th for election of the slate of officers on the Board of Trustees. That slate is Michael Hritz, President; Janice Larkin, Vice President; Rich Liguori, Treasurer; Nansi Krauss, Secretary; and Michael Winkler, Trustee. An opportunity for a write-in vote is included for each office.

Treasurer's Report

- Checking account balance: \$64,377.58 inclusive of a hold of \$1,355
 - Actual balance: \$63,022.58. The “hold” amount reflects the balance owed for attendance at the Gala for the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholder.
 - Monies earmarked for:
 - Theater preservation: \$855
 - Women of Influence: \$500
 - Annual renewals paid:
 - Princeton Online – website hosting: \$300
 - USPS Post Office Box: \$222
 - Additional expenses:
 - Flemington Memorials (plaque at the former Selover Funeral Home): \$575
 - TBD the cost of installation from Fred Nafi, Mason

245th Gala

- 284 in attendance, up 10 from previous gala
- Projected net: \$35,535, up \$5.196 from previous gala
- Sponsorships: \$53,000, up \$4,350 from previous gala

A detailed list of expenditures and income was distributed and available for review.

Historical Markers/Plaque Installations

As noted above, the commemorative plaque has been purchased and installed at Gleason Funeral Home on Georges Road (Formerly Selover Funeral Home) to acknowledge the 50 of years of commitment to the Township by the Selover family, A date for the ceremonial reveal is being explored.

Mr. Hritz shared a design for future historical markers. Adams AC and Our Lady of Peace Knights of Coumbus are slated to be our fist markers. Sewah Studios is the vendor, The Keystone Model is the type. We decided that blue and gold are the appropriate colors and the Township logo will be on each marker. Mr. Liguori will work on the text for Our Lady of Peace and Ms. Krauss will work on the text for Adams AC.

North Brunswick Woman's Club Rose Garden

The Historical Society funded the Women's Club project of planting a rose garden at the Municipal Building. Due to the construction at the Municipal Building, the garden never materialized fully, The Historical Society remains committed to this project and will revisit the funding for this project. Additionally, a stone marker needs to be purchased and installed to acknowledge both the Women's Club and The Historical Society for posterity.

The Archives/Space at the Municipal Building

The archives are currently stored at the former temporary location of the Community Development department. Another big effort will need to be made to sort, file, and label the remaining archives items after the incredibly destructive flood. There was much discussion about the future location for the Historical Society and the archives in the newly configured Municipal Building office space as the basement location has been repurposed. Mr. Hritz and Ms. Larkin will continue this effort. The Society will meet on a future Saturday to begin the sorting and labeling process.

New Business

Mr. Hritz and the team that prepared our application went to Trenton for an in-person meeting with the folks responsible for approving the Pulda Farm as an historical site. It was a long conversation. At the conclusion, Mr. Hritz got a commitment from the folks in Trenton to work more collaboratively and make a greater good faith effort to get our designation approved on a more timely basis.

Mr. Hritz asked for suggestions to appoint someone outside the Board of Trustees to update and "own" the Historical Society website and social media accounts. Mr. Ligouri had a candidate in mind and will report back to the group. Social media is key to expanding our reach and more engagement with both potential donors and the community at large.

Ms. Larkin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hritz. Meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm