

## Historic Sites Committee of Warren, NJ

January 9, 2020

**Members attending:** Rory Britt, Susie Boyce, Kari Quirós, Greg Fitzgerald, Karl Horster, Erica Sbarra, Rich Disano, Michael François, John Lindner, Alan Siegel, John George

Minutes were read and corrected.

### New Business:

1. King George Inn site
  - a. The historical beams from the building have disappeared. Rory is going to follow up to find out where they are.
2. New Ordinance (1/6)
  - a. Ordinance was made to decrease the amount of HSC members from 15 to 12.
  - b. The Town has a list of 10 members but the HSC has 13 people listed as members.
  - b. Rory to oppose the Ordinance.
    - i. Motion was made and all were in favor.
3. Duderstadt
  - a. The property is listed on the state and national register (house, spring, both barns, corn crib)
  - b. All buildings to be restored, including the German barn.
4. 2020 Officers
  - a. Chairman: Rory Britt
  - b. Vice Chairman: Greg Fitzgerald
  - c. Treasurer: Erica Sbarra
  - d. Recording & Corresponding Secretary: Kari Quirós
5. Kirch Ford House
  - a. Move the holly tree in order to make room for more parking.
6. Christmas decorations were beautifully done by members of the HSC
  - a. Large live wreaths, LED spotlights
  - b. Rory will make notes of what decorations work best and will give the list to Doug Buro.

7. Hofheimer House (the old municipal building)
  - a. It has significance as a local landmark
  - b. Rory has heard from multiple people who want the building to be saved
    - i. Ways to 'get the word out': contact the Friends of the Library, the head of the Girl Scouts, Hunting Club
    - ii. Rory to talk to a Warren Patch reporter to write an article
  - c. An argument against saving the building is that it is only ADA compliant and safe on the first floor and would be too expensive to keep open.
    - i. Possible cost to keep building: ~\$200,000
    - ii. Have a re-use study made
  - d. Where would the Historical Society archives go if the building is torn down?
  - e. Miscellaneous information about the Hofheimer family
    - i. A Hofheimer daughter was a female aviator pioneer
    - ii. The Nathan Hofheimer Foundation brought Jews from Europe to the U.S. during WWII

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kari Quiros, Rec. Sec.