

Historic Sites Committee of Warren, NJ

July 6, 2023

Members attending: Kari Quirós, Christy Cwynar, Karl Horster, Alan Siegel, Rory Britt, Leslie Ellerbusch

Excused: John Lindner

Minutes were read and corrected.

New Business:

A. Kirch Ford House

- a. The shingles for the shed need to be replaced by 9/1 so that it is presentable for the Journey to the Past weekend.
- b. The ground hog has been taken care of.
- c. The front of the house is in desperate need of painting.
 - a. Is a special budget needed for this?
 - b. Discuss with John Lindner if a grant is needed or if the expense needs to be added to the budget.
- d. The dead ash trees have been marked and replacement trees are needed.
 - a. Alan went to the Great Swamp and said that you can purchase trees for \$200 and sycamore trees for \$90 (sycamore trees can live for 300-400 years).
 - b. Replacement trees would need to be planted in the autumn and will need deer guards and someone to water them frequently for the first year.
 - c. Trees will be needed for the side and at the back of the house.

B. Hofheimer House

- a. Carol Roberts was the last family member to live in the house and will be coming to visit on 7/21 or 7/28.
- b. Booklet
 - a. Karl has created a prototype of the booklet for the Hofheimer House. There are 2 blank pages at the end of the booklet which can be filled with extra photos (i.e. The Grotto in it's prime).
 - b. Karl's prototype is less expensive but will still need to be sent out to a printer.
 - c. There should be enough copies made for sale during the Journey to the Past, and give to all Warren history teachers, and for the docents.

- c. Rory, Christy and two librarians looked around the Hofheimer House.
 - a. A box of Detweiler drawings (memos / dittos) from 1955-56 and 1968-69 were found.
 - b. There were plans for a museum in the back of the building, near the old Engineering area.
- C. Baptist Meeting House
 - a. The paint is still peeling on the east side of the building.
- D. Historic Element
 - a. Michael has completed the element.
 - b. A map of the town should be included.
- E. Safe
 - a. Greg Fitzgerald would like a CHP grant for the safe in the Hofheimer House.
 - b. How much room does the safe have and do the doors work?
 - c. There is currently about 15-20 years' worth of Echoes-Sentinel microfiche inside the safe as well as planning documents and about a half dozen tax maps.
 - d. Needed: a locksmith, 2-3 fireproof filing cabinets, lights
- F. Schmalz Shed
 - a. The shed is now in its permanent home and is filled with 70 lbs of vegetables.
- G. Journey to the Past
 - a. Rory has registered The Kirch Ford House and the Baptist Meeting House for the weekend.
- H. Miscellaneous
 - a. Margarita Warlick is now approved as a Historic Sites Committee member.
 - b. The video footage is now on TV and available on the Warren website.
 - c. Alan has filed Susie Boyce's article on Dr. Joseph Warren from the DAR publication.
 - d. Should Historic Sites have a Facebook page about Warren history?
 - a. Should this be an independent study for a student so that they can earn credits?

Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kari Quiros, Rec. Sec