

Blairstown Historic Preservation Committee ** Monthly Meeting Agenda ** March 2nd, 2015

Pledge of Allegiance

Financial Report, 3 BHPC accounts

- Overall status
- Difference in JHM invoice #20436, \$315. Advised Christine R/ John M that \$315 will be paid at completion of invoice.

Invitations/Upcoming Events :

- Feb 27th, March 13, March 27 – 4:30 PM, Blair Academy, Bogel Hall Rm 302– Blairstown Economic Committee (includes beautification). Laura Corio, Paul Avery
- April – Ken please advise date for event
- April 24th, Friday – Chris – Blair Board of Directors, spouse tour of Main Street.
- May 31st, Sunday – Warren County Preservation Day at Rutheford Hall.
- June 27th, Saturday – Chris - Blairstown Alumni Association Banquet.
- July 4th, Saturday – BHPC Tent at Footbridge Park
- November 13th, last of 3 Friday the 13th in 2015
- November 14th, Saturday – Chris – Ladies of First Presbyterian Church
- Awaiting reply from Jason Beck at Blair for BHPC history presentation to Blair faculty
- Need to decide dates for Main Street Walking Tours in 2015 and History Open House Days
- What are Blairstown Township meeting dates that review budget requests?

Old Business:

Appointments Confirmed, terms till Dec 31, 2017. Ken, Theo, Cynthia, Dave. Congrats!!

Plaque Status –

- Firehouse: Permission granted. Copy written and reviewed with Jerry Stoddard. Any comments?? pictures need selecting, captions need writing. Need to decide on location on building.
- Blair Place/Store – Contacting Blair for permission. Blair Librarians presented info till 1970s for Blair Store

Membership Drive – Accepting new members! Need 3 Blairstown residents before we can invite 1 non-resident.

Blairstown Website Update – Chris

George Branigan Photo – Ken

Civil War, Blairstown and Warren County Involvement – Ken

Roy's Theater Horror poster – T Shirt – Theo / Cynthia

Boy Scout's Founder, Benjamin Smyth Connection – Steve

Sussex County Freeholder - History CD - Steve

Time Capsule at Blairstown Ambulance Corps? – Wick

Blairstown Presbyterian – Scans/Copies or Pics of Blair 1839 Church Doc and Baptism Book (Shotwells) – Dave

Projects for 2015

- Reworking of 7 plaques (\$560)
- 175th Commemorative Booklet – JIB 1893 interview, Blair Family Tree, Plaques, Walking tour maps. Need timeframes and price quote for publishing – For distro at July 4th. Advertising.
- Ticket Booth – Interior RR write-up for printing, RR photos.
- Walking Tour Map + Brochure – Comments. Morristown example.
- Caboose – Making it useful to display history.
- Proposed plaques going forward: Elementary School, Footbridge @94 entrance?, Corner Store on Main?, Diner
- Grant acquisitions.
- Capturing stories of local residents. Campaign - BOOTH, Website? Storycorps.org – recorded @ Open House days?
- BHPC Tent – Reworking to cover writing
- Cleaning out, reorganizing archive room. Set aside one week, every day. Use main conference room.

New Business/Ideas –

Planning - BHPC participation in Rutherford Hall? July 4 Footbridge Park – set up. Mds, new display item, story booth

Princeton Trip Overview, Joy Wagner Smith Interview

Building of “Friends of Blairstown Historic” mailing list – Snail mail and email. Create a BHPC email address??

What projects are other historic committees doing that are successful in promoting their history?

Welcome wagon – Local history info to new residents.

Adjourn - **Next meeting – Monday, April 6th**