

HISTORIC AMSTERDAM LEAGUE

TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 20, 2019

REPORTS

Minutes

The minutes of the February 7, 2019 were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

In Jean So's absence, Jerry Snyder reported the current balance as \$29,202.46.

Membership Report

In Marie Villa's absence, no membership report was presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Inman Center Presentation

Rob von Hasseln reported on the success of the presentation with approximately 40 people in attendance.

Historical Markers

- Rob von Hasseln reported on progress of the 9/11 marker panel at the 9/11 Memorial.
- Rob von Hasseln reported that the missing Bridge Street marker dedicated to Technical Sergeant Marnell, recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross for his service during WWII, has been located and will be restored to its previous location by the city DPW.
- Input for new marker recommendations was stressed.

Historic Preservation

- Jackie Murphy reported that with the grant application deadline of March 25, 2019 approaching, a decision about the focus of an application needed to be determined.
- Rob von Hasseln reported that Peter Sefton had agreed to take on the responsibility of the Sanford District application but would not be available to do so until November.
- After discussing the choice of focusing efforts on the Kellogg-Miller property vs. an Area Reconnaissance survey, the latter was unanimously recommended.
- Jackie Murphy asked that Trustees consider attending the next historic preservation meeting on March 7, 2019 at the Walter Elwood Museum.

NEW BUSINESS

Amsterdam Poem

- Rob Von Hasseln and Jerry Snyder reported that local educator Horace Sprague's 1860 *Amsterdam A Poem* had been located and efforts were underway to reproduce and republish it.

- Members were asked to assist in locating an expert in 19th century literature who could assist in placing the writing of such epic poems into historical context.

Recorder Archives

- Kevin McClary has offered HAL access to the 25-30 file cabinets of Recorder archives. Volunteers are needed to help sort and organize the material. It was agreed that Barbara Persico, Jerry Snyder and Rob von Hasseln would meet at the Recorder in the near future to begin the process.

Tours – 2019 and Beyond

- Rob von Hasseln (Project Manager) distributed a proposed outline that he and Jerry Snyder (who will act as editor and be in charge of layout) have compiled for this year's tour book. The outline includes those topics for which Rob and Jerry have agreed to be responsible. Barbara Persico offered to work on the topic of Residential Architecture. Other volunteers are needed.
- The proposed topic for 2020 is Natural History and requires a project manager who can begin work this year.

Bylaws

- Proposed changes to the membership bylaws was distributed at the February 7, 2019 meeting in satisfaction of the requirement that they be provided for review. The changes will be voted on at the next regularly scheduled membership meeting in April.

Rocco Petrone

- Jerry Snyder reported that the Petrone Square sign has been reported missing and suggested that Mr. Petrone might be an appropriate subject for a historic marker.

Mohawk Theater Sign

- Rob von Hasseln reported that Jerry Snyder had identified the new owner of the Teepee property and a meeting would be set up to discuss the possibility of HAL gaining possession of the Mohawk Theater sign.