

HISTORIC AMSTERDAM LEAGUE

TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2019

REPORTS

Minutes

It was unanimously agreed to dispense with the March minutes due to the Secretary's absence at the March meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Jean So reported a balance of \$30,003.58 and included a \$500 donation from Dave Northrup. A thank you to Dave on behalf of HAL will be sent by the Secretary.

Membership Report

No membership report was made due to Marie Villa's absence.

OLD BUSINESS

Historical Markers

- Rob von Hasseln indicated that work on the 911 Memorial Marker still needed to be completed and that he would draft and circulate a proposal to go forward with a marker for Rocco Petrone.
- Rob reported that the Kirk Douglas marker is still not in the ground and that he would speak to the mayor next week.
- Jerry Snyder suggested that the Sanford houses behind Veterans Field be put on a list for future consideration.
- The possibility of a new marker honoring Rocco Petrone was discussed. Jerry Snyder explained that an Italian journalist is planning a book and film about Mr. Petrone, may be visiting Amsterdam, and has indicated an interest in meeting with HAL members.

Historic Preservation

- Jackie Murphy reported that Frances Gubler from the NYS Preservation League had completed a preliminary West End site tour and we should know if the grant would be awarded by the end of June/beginning of July.
- Jackie asked how HAL records could be made more accessible and indicated that Father Longe from St. Anne's has offered rental space for a HAL office for \$300/month.
- Rob von Hasseln indicated that the HAL files could be moved to City Hall for greater accessibility.

Recorder Archives

- Not discussed.

Mohawk Theater Sign

- Jerry Snyder reported that Dave Brownell was continuing to pursue the possible donation of the sign.

Tours – 2019 and Beyond

- Rob von Hasseln indicated that work on tours for the next two years should begin as soon as possible; he stressed the need for someone to manage the possible Natural History and Near and Dear topics.
- Jerry Snyder reported on this year's Architecture Tour. The following topics were addressed:
 - Article in today's *Recorder*
 - Posters were distributed
 - Liberty busses secured by Marie Villa
 - Barb would enter information to the County Tourism Calendar
 - need for human interest articles
 - volunteers for assisting at City Hall
 - artifact/display ideas
 - Marie offered to supply the tablecloths
 - set-up at City Hall on evening before @ 6:00
 - show-up on morning of event @ 8:30

NEW BUSINESS

Chuctanunda Trail

- Jerry Snyder reminded those present that the Grand Opening of the trail is scheduled for Saturday, June 1, 2019 and will include a guided walk, led by John Naples, beginning at the greenway portion of the trail near the Elks Club.

Motion to Adjourn unanimously approved at 6:30.