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.