

HISTORIC AMSTERDAM LEAGUE

TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 2019

REPORTS

Minutes

It was unanimously agreed to accept and dispense with the reading of the May minutes, previously distributed to members, with no recommended changes.

Treasurer

In Jean So's absence, Jerry Snyder reported a balance of \$29, 109.58, less outstanding bills of approximately \$1,100 to Miller Printing for the newsletter and tour signs and books and a replacement check to Liberty, and a pending deposit of \$860 (\$801 in sales and \$59 in donations) as the result of the June architecture tour.

Membership

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

Historic Preservation

Jackie Murphy reported that notification about the New York Preservation grant application should be received by the end of June. She also stressed the need to have more ready access to the HAL files. Jackie asked if the trustees wanted to interview the consultant; it was agreed to wait until the application results were known before determining how to best proceed.

The report was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Architecture Tour

Rob von Hasseln reported that the response to the tour was very favorable; others confirmed they had also received similar feedback and some participants suggested a future architecture tour be considered.

Historical Markers

Rob von Hasseln indicated that the pole for the Kirk Douglas marker had been installed and the concrete would need to cure before attaching the sign. Jerry Snyder reported that he had ordered special security nuts. Once the pole is painted black and the sign ready for placement, the media will be notified for the final placement of the sign.

Recorder Archives

Rob von Hasseln indicated that he would contact Kevin McCleary to remind him we were ready to proceed.

NEW BUSINESS

Historic Markers

After some discussion, a proposal that HAL sponsor a historic marker for the Sarah Jane Sanford Home and that a marker for Rocco Petrone be pursued through funding by the Pomeroy Foundation was unanimously approved.

Ghost Tour Preparation

Initial preparations for the October 2019 Ghost Tour were discussed. Proposed ghosts included Henry C. Grieme and Robert Quiri.

Future Tours

A number of ideas were discussed with respect to future tours. Audrey Eggelston suggested a restaurant tour. Other possibilities included “intentional architecture” that would highlight the impact of arterials and urban renewal and the previously proposed “near and dear” concept.

House Markers Program

Jerry Snyder initiated a discussion about the possibility of HAL sponsoring an annual program to designate and award plaques to four to five residential and commercial buildings of historical significance. Those present unanimously endorsed the idea. Jerry offered to investigate the pricing of appropriate plaques to be presented to recipients for display on the buildings.

A motion to adjourn unanimously approved at 7:05 p.m.