**NJLA History & Preservation Committee**

**Executive Board Minutes**

**8/11/2022**

**Held via Zoom**

Present: Beth Zak-Cohen, Ken Kaufman, Jacquelyn Oshman, John Beekman, Gary Saretzky, Juber Ayala, Kathlyn Kelly, Sarah Hull, Jessica Myers

Meeting opened at 2pm by Beth Zak-Cohen

**Committees**: looking for volunteers for all committees (except Archives which Sarah covers). Will ask at general meeting to see if anyone else is interested.

**Archives**: Sarah Hull

**Awards:** chair: Ken Kaufman, Gary Saretzky, need 2 more members (will ask Tom Anker and Jessica Myers)

* Gary Saretzky volunteered but mentioned that members who are retired will be less likely to know about the accomplishments of younger nominees.
* A lengthy discussion was held discussing how to promote applications for the Susan Swartzburg Award.
  + Gary S. holds 5 years of past applications to review each year along with new applications.
  + Hardest part is writing the nomination essay
  + Will continue to discuss the nomination process at general meetings

**Bylaws:** chair: Ken Kaufman, Sarah Hull (Will ask Colleen if interested as well)

* Updated every two years
* There are usually no major changes unless a situation occurred that wasn’t covered in the previous two years (this year’s Vice President situation was the biggest event but that was spelled out in the bylaws already)

**Nominations:** chair: Beth Zak-Cohen

**Programs:** chair: John Beekman, Tom Anker, Juber Ayala, Jacquelyn Oshman

* It was discussed that this would be a great committee for newer members to join so they can bring ideas about what type of programming other new members might attend.

**Officers:** new for 2022

* Secretary : Jackie Oshman
* Professional Development: Tom Ankner
* Chronicle:  Kathlyn Kelly
* Web/Social Media: Jackie Silver-Morillo

**Meetings:**

Will continue to be held virtually due to COVID.

Looking for Speaker suggestions – email to John Beekman if you have any suggestions. Some brought up were:

* 2021 speakers: Alice Paul Institute, Ukrainian Educational
* NJLA Archives presentation
  + - * Gary mentioned that he just completed a CAPES study and it was in better condition than anticipated.
      * The last Archivist obviously had a filing system and the only unsorted material seem to be more recent.
      * Special thanks to Kate Jaggers for her support
      * Money has been budgeted to hire someone new for the Archive
* Puerto Rican Community Archives
  + - Juber asked if the speaker could be from outside of NJ. It was agreed that non-state groups that could benefit NJ members could be suggested.
* Puerto Rican Archives (NYC)
* Mark Nonestead (East Jersey Olde Towne / Middlesex County Archives)

Next General Meeting will be held in September/October. An email will be sent soon.

**Recruitment**: information will be sent out to local history rooms to try to drum up new members.

**Awards**:

Roger McDonough Award 2022 recipient: Laura Poll of the Trentoniana Collection. She will be attending History Day at Brookdale Community College to accept award.

The award is co-sponsored by NJLA H&P committee, NJSAA, NJ Historical Commission, MARAC NJ Caucus.

**History Day:**

October 1, 2022 at Brookdale Community College. 9am-1pm

Reserved one table – Gary suggests if others need tables, they register NOW

Need volunteers to staff the table

Jessica suggested we bring a clipboard to take down contact information of people who want to sign up for newsletters.

**Library Updates:**

Juber – busy summer at Puerto Rican Community Archives. They have 4 interns including one who is a Princeton ReachOut Fellow. She is working on a survey to send out to Archivists and will be hosting a podcast

Ken – Somerset County is honoring Jessie Havens, who is 91 years old, tomorrow, August 12th. All Somerset events are listed in the Chronicle.

Gary – Princeton Preservation Group is currently meeting on zoom. They are interested in the preservation of all materials and objects (from manuscripts to buildings). Their next presentation will be “The Care and Context of Historic and Contemporary Hairwork” on September 12th. Find more information at PrincetonPreservation.org. In November, their speaker will be the Archivist of the Campbell Soup Company (located in Camden)

John – The Museum of Jersey City History continues to move towards opening. It has been a tremendous learning experience as a board member seeing what it takes to open an exhibit. The board is currently in contact with Zimmerli Museum at Rutgers, who was gifted a collection of JCPL materials in 2012 erroneously, to return materials to Jersey City. Zimmerli will be hosting an art and photography exhibit of Jersey City artists in the Fall of 2022.

Kathlyn – Thanks everyone who contributed to the summer newsletter. She specifically thanked Ken and Colleen for their help. Somerset will also be hosting a presentation on the history of the Morris Family by Rick Geffkin on October 13th.

Beth – The New Jersey Room Supervising Librarian George Hawley has retired and the new Archivist is Vanessa Castaldo.

Jacquelyn – New Brunswick has 3 interns this summer, one is working on a presentation on the History of Transportation in New Brunswick, and another is working on the Hall-Mills Murder Collection. The photo donor we have been working with since late 2021 should resume bringing in materials to scan this week after a brief hiatus. We have a number of speakers this fall – all are listed in the Chronicle.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55pm