**NJLA History & Preservation Committee**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**10/4/2022**

**Held via Zoom**

Present: Beth Zak-Cohen, Ken Kaufman, Jackie Oshman, John Beekman, Gary Saretzky, Juber Ayala, Kathlyn Kelly, Laura Poll, Kathlyn Kelly, Tom Ankner, Vanessa Castaldo, Nancy Madacsi, Elsalyn Palmisano, Aimee Fernandez-Puente, Grace McKenna, Fred Pachman, Tara Maharjan, Colleen Goode, Christie Lutz, Mary Boycoff, Robert Stewart, Teresa Bayles, Kate Jaggers, Evelyn Frangakis

Meeting opened at 2pm by Beth Zak-Cohen

**Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes from last General Meeting by Elsalyn, Seconded by Ken. Approved. Elsalyn added a thank you to Jackie Oshman for detailed minutes.

**President’s Report**

* The Executive Board Meeting Minutes are available on the website
* Monmouth Archives Day went well. Thank you to Gary and Tom for attending. Gary and Tom congratulated Laura Poll for being this year’s Roger McDonough Award recipient.
  + Gary: Most local organizations in attendance were from Monmouth County; The Princeton Preservation Group and H&P shared a table; got some programming ideas
  + Tom: quite a few people stopped by and were interested in the group; the usual statewide organizations were also in attendance; there were about 50 tables
* Executive Board Introductions.
  + President: Beth
  + Vice President: John Beekman
  + Secretary: Jackie Oshman
  + Professional Development: Tom Ankner
  + Chronicle: Kathlyn Kelly
  + Web/Social Media: Jackie Silver-Morillo
  + New Exec Board Member: Juber Ayala
  + John Wallace is the liaison to the NJLA Executive Board
* Committees: looking for volunteers for all committees. The Bylaws give a minimum number of committee members, but not a max amount, so please contact Beth if you are interested in joining a committee.

**Archives**: Sarah Hull

**Awards:** chair: Ken Kaufman, Gary Saretzky, Tom Anker and Jessica Myers

**Bylaws:** chair: Ken Kaufman, Sarah Hull, Colleen Goode

**Nominations:** chair: Beth Zak-Cohen, Vanessa Castaldo (2 more members)

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

**Programming – Vice President:**

* 2023 is the 25th Anniversary of H&P AND the 40th Anniversary of the Preservation Committee.
  + Thoughts on how to commemorate include a lunch program at NJLA
* NJLA Conference and other Programs
  + Proposals for Conference programs are due at the end of November
  + A Committee meeting will take place on Wednesday 10/12. If you have suggestions, feel free to send them to John Beekman at [JBeekman@jclibrary.org](mailto:JBeekman@jclibrary.org).
    - Some suggestions**:** description and panel discussion on the NJLA Archives project (with Elsalyn, Fred, Gary and information found at other libraries); Rutgers Scarlet & Black vol. II or other book talks with the NJSAA; personal electronic archiving (organizing emails and files on your computer); How to start an Archive (Kim Adams and Jackie Oshman in discussions); program in conjunction with the Tech. Services committee
  + Fred suggested having ribbons to add to nametags at the Conference denoting Committee and/or past award winner

**Awards**:

* Susan G. Swartzburg Preservation Award nominations due at the end of March or early April 2023.
* There is an effort to find all available Swartzburg winners for a photo op.
* Roger McDonough Award 2022 recipient: Laura Poll of the Trentoniana Collection.
* A list of Roger McDonough Award winners is currently only available on the NJSAA website. Beth will look into have a link on the H&P site as well.
* Elsalyn has a photo of 7 past winners that was taken in 2018/2019.

**NJLA Archives and History Committee Report: (Fred)**

* Gave an overview of the new committee and stating that meetings have started
* This committee is not the same as the H&P Archives Committee that Sarah heads.
* Thanked Kate Jaggers and Gary Saretzky for their help with the Archives.
* Wants to promote the Archive to other NJLA sections so they will begin donating their materials in June 2023. He will have to discuss with the sections to see if they primarily use digital material or print in their correspondence.
* The Archives will be working with a bequeathal of $80,000
* Fred will submit an article to The Chronicle soon
* Gary thanked Kate Jaggers and reminded the committee that the NJLA Archive is not stagnant – it is still an active Archive

**Other Business**: Chronicle deadline 10/25 to Kathlyn

**Member Updates:**

Tara – Ex-officio member as the NJ Caucus representative to MARAC. She is also a member of NJSAA and works at Special Collections at Rutgers. All of their events are listed in the Chronicle.

Elsalyn – Tara did an excellent Youtube video on Zines.

Gary – Princeton Preservation Group’s next meeting will feature the Archivist at the Campbell’s Soup Company on 11/15. On 11/16, he will be hosting a program on Preserving Family Photos for Monmouth County. There should be a registration link on their website.

Christie – Will be giving an in person talk at Highland Park Public Library on Thursday 10/6 about the Sinclair NJ Collection and local history resources at Rutgers.

Fred – Working on the History and Archives of the Monmouth Medical Center. Also looking for alumni of the hospital’s residency program. The public facing webpage for the hospital is under construction.

John - Danny Klein of the Jersey City Library will host a panel of state genealogy resources next Thursday, focusing on Immigration in Hudson County. He also applied for a grant to start an oral history program with the JC Museum. The support he has heard from the state is favorable. This Saturday, 10/8 from 12-4 is the 50th Anniversary celebration of Biblioteca Criolla.

Juber – There will be a Latinos in Sports program at the end of October.

Kathlyn and Ken – Somerset County will be hosting their Journey through the Past weekend journey on Saturday, 10/8 in conjunction with the Museum of the American Revolution. Ken also mentioned that there will be a Second Story Walking Tour in Somerville on 10/15.

Laura – working on updating videotaped interviews of Roebling employees that were partially used in a recent documentary. Applying for a grant to help transcribe the collection and convert it to modern technology.

Nancy – the Director of the Sparta Historical Society passed away earlier this year and the staff is trying hard to fill his shoes. They are having a Duck Decoy display from Stockton University through December 16th.

Tom – Newark will host monthly panels through the National Black Political Convention. The first one will be October 29th and will be on the last Saturday of every month. One panel will include Mayor Ras Baraka. A Zoom program in early November will be hosted by an employee of the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. They are doing research on local newspaper coverage of the Holocaust.

Vanessa – Beth welcomed her as the new Archivist at Newark Public Library.

Kate – NJLA approved hiring a consultant to search for a new Executive Director; Public Policy and Legislative Updates were approved; John Wallace is the liaison to the H&P section and we should feel free to reach out to him if we have any questions or concerns for NJLA;

Jackie/Kim Adams – Kim mentioned that there will be a program at the New Brunswick Performing Arts Center on 10/22 with author Joe Pompeo on his new book about the still-unsolved 100 year old Hall-Mills Murder.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm and the presentation by the Center for Puerto Rican Studies (CENTRO) began at 3pm. This presentation was recorded and sent out by Beth.