

Monthly meeting of the Blirstown Historic Preservation Committee was called to order at 7:15 p.m. on September 6, 2016, at the Municipal Building, 106 Route 94. The following members were present: Theo Padavano, Karin White, Wick Mott, Christine Beegle, Barbara Green, Lori Nienstedt; Dave Harvey arrived at 8; Steve Lance, liaison, was present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited; Sunshine Statement was read; May and June minutes were approved. (No meeting in July and August due to lack of quorum.)

**Social media:** Chris reported that Blirstown High School alumni have been submitting personal accounts of growing up in Blirstown and attending Blirstown High School. Submissions will be put into booklet form for distribution at next year's high school reunion.

Lori reported substantial interest continues via Facebook re: Lake Susquehanna, the "Great Bank Robbery," summer heat waves of long ago.

**Upcoming events:** October walking tour (@ 500 people expressed interest in event). Walking tour will be on High Street and might be limited to 50 people, with possible 2<sup>nd</sup> tour if necessary. Donation jars will be available.

Discussed possible participation in 205<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration (October 8) of Blirstown First United Methodist Church.

**Ongoing business:** Theo reported (1) display cases (donated by 10-31) are ready; discussion followed re location at municipal building, transport, set-up; (2) pedestal for cornerstone is nearing completion; (3) design of poster for walking tour; (4) receipt of items from a relative of Dr. Bostwick (who had lived at house now owned by Theo and his wife, Lina).

Karin reported on brochure holders (which will be placed at various locations). Lori made motion, Barbara second, to approve expenditure (@ \$30).

Lori working on design for thank you notes (\$30 approved for purchase). Lori checking cost of having additional (self-guided) walking tour brochures printed.

Discussion re new or updated ordinance re heavy truck and passenger bus traffic on Main Street/Historic District. Additional concern: trucks air-braking in Historic District.

Old ballot box will be displayed in the inside lobby for the November election.

**New business:** 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Blirstown Historic Preservation Committee will be publicized. Formation of Committee was spearheaded by Anita Ardia and Helen Hall.

Review and approval of previously adopted Code of Ethics.

Acknowledged donation of fireproof safe owned by resident Jean O'Brien. DPW will check location and best way to transport to DPW building for repainting (following original design).

Catherine Dickson Hofman Library Board of Trustees donated a vintage wedding dress and Dr. Vail's travel bags. Wick made a motion to purchase acid-free paper for proper storage of gown; Lori seconded (\$50).

Discussed survey done by County re historic houses and the houses outside of Historic District. BHPC will continue contact with the Land Use Board re future applications.

Approval for expenditure of @ \$40 for dry cleaning of donated woolen jacket and fire department uniform. (The public appreciated display of uniforms at the recent EMS event.)

Chris explained a program that is used by various historic preservation committees/societies to archive materials. Committee will discuss further for possible consideration for 2017 budget.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15.

Barbara Green, Secretary