

Prior to the start of the monthly meeting, Journalist Michael Gabriele gave an informative presentation on his book, *The History of Diners in New Jersey*. He spoke in detail of the Blairstown Diner.

Monthly meeting of the Blairstown Historic Preservation Committee was called to order at 7:45 p.m. on November 5, 2018, at the Givens-Belet Building on Route 521 (Hope Road). The following members were present: Martin Miller, Barbara Green, Christine Beegle, Dave Harvey, Lori Nienstedt, Karin White and Wick Mott. New member, Steve Belton, was sworn in. Steve Lance, Liaison, was present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited; Sunshine Statement was read.  
Chris reported 1,395 Facebook followers and 431 on email.  
Correspondence from Barbara Sampson, daughter of Robert Belet.  
Letter draft needed from BHPC regarding fence project at Delaware Water Gap.

Morgan family research -- sent to new owner.

Financial report: After current expenses, there will be a balance of approximately \$509 in the 2018 operating budget.

Upcoming Events:

November 24 -- Jingle on Main

September 2019 -- celebrating Hope's 250th anniversary

2019 -- Benjamin Smith 1769 Will abstract, 250 years

2019 -- Blairstown Diner, celebrating 70 years

Ongoing Business:

Footbridge lighting -- electrical status

Footbridge ticket booth, captions

Restoration of grandfather clock

New narrative provided to Blairstown Enhancement Committee

Donations: Original 1899 John I. Blair obituary from a local family; various local history books from Brian Keith Rhodes.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25.

Barbara Green, Recording Secretary