

Brooklyn Historical Society (BHS)
Executive Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2017 7:00 pm
Brooklyn Township Building

PURPOSE-Space in Proposed Brooklyn Township Building

President David Palmer announced the purpose of the meeting was to discuss BHS's request for space in the proposed Brooklyn Township Building. Richard Zick, Sr., Patty Button, Curtis Stone, and David Palmer were in attendance.

Richard Zick stated the progress of the Township Building design has slowed so there is less need to get exact measurements prepared for the Supervisors' Meeting on the 16th of November. The location is still to be determined. The Supervisors are waiting for the bank to auction a site they have in foreclosure. The new building will also serve as an evacuation center with a full kitchen and showers.

The original BHS discussion was for 20' x 40' meeting room. Patty suggested we need to know the ceiling height. The plan is to move the doors from the center of the current meeting room to the new building. It was estimated the height needed for them is 12'. The mural in the back of the current room is about 15'. The bottom three feet could be rolled up on the base if needed so as long as those doors are moving, the mural should fit. Another room that is 20' x 40' would be appreciated. That space could be used as an archive, display structures and have facilities for visitors to do research. As it stands now, we will request two rooms that are each 20' x 40' with at least a 12' ceiling.

There is a need to scrub the membership log. Up-to-date financial records will be needed when we go to entities for grant money. This will be done at the convenience of Jacqueline and Jackie Thomas. President Palmer will schedule.

President Palmer suggested we sell bricks from the current building to raise money for the museum. They could be kept at the donor's home or put into a walkway or displayed on a wall. There is a possibility of putting donors name on the brick. Curtis Stone suggested we send letters to members, residents, and known past families of the township. These letters would be designed specifically for each category of donor and would ask for contributions. There could be different levels of donor. A plaque could list donors.

MONTROSE AREA ADULT SCHOOL

We are looking at doing a session at the Montrose Area Adult School in the spring. President Palmer will contact Gene Franklin and ask how Harford did their tour and presentation.

OTHER ITEMS

We discussed the ongoing tours of the Dennis Farm. Pastor Lucas Taylor is in charge.

In 1880 a Sterling boy from Brooklyn committed suicide on what is now known as Keith Pratt's land. The hand engraved marker was destroyed when the pipeline went through. BHS may erect something to replace the original. More discussion is needed to determine the publicity it could bring to suicides in general.

The cemetery gazebo is a project that BHS has previously committed funds. (Possibly as much as 10 years ago.) Curtis is working on getting more information to have available for the Regular Meeting in July.

The Spring Meeting will be held Saturday, April 14th at 2:00 pm.