

Meeting Minutes (July 13, 2022) and Subsequent Activity

Attendees: Nancy Milanese, Bridget Krowe, Christine Sisler, Tom McLoughlin, Lynn Briggs

1. YHPC Team Members

-On October 28, 2021, requested that Supervisor Slater acknowledge Ed Pell in conjunction with Hyatt Cemetery, no response received yet

2. Budget:

Account 82 - 001 Homes of Distinction \$562

Account 82 - 002 Landmarks Preservation \$3219

Account 8020 - \$2500

Total \$6281

Requested the Town supervisor determine why \$5K removed from YHPC account to pay for Quoset Hut for storage of Zino barn timbers; Comptroller provided documentation history; the issue is not that the Town did or did not pay its obligation but that the Town extracted its obligation from the YHPC, who had already secured the donors for its portion of the agreement; sent followup email requesting the return of the funds to the YHPC budget

3. Storage Solution for YHPC historical document

-on September 20, 2021, requested from Town Supervisor, space and files at YCCC for out historical records

-followed up on October 13 and November 2, 2021; waiting for response from Supervisor

4. Public Outreach Programs/YHPC/Yorktown 250/ RW250/TMAS and Partners YSBA, YHS and Arts + Culture

-developed 6 programs for 2022 for YHPC/Yorktown 250 with cost estimates; use Yorktown 250 as model ./ playbook rollout to other communities

-YHPC has approved \$2500 of YHPC budget for digital audio tour (up to 14 historic sites in Yorktown including the three Andre-Arnold sites; discussed proposals with Otocast, The Clio, TravelStorys, and Lantern Voice

-YHPC has approved funding for two of six programs

Completed/Rescheduled

-April 9 - This Man's A Spy, FPCY

\$500 performer program fee paid for by RW250,

\$100 venue fee paid by YSBA; raised \$536 in donations (paid out \$420 in services: Joe Frogger cookies and printed maps)=\$116 left

-June 17 -This Man's A Spy Concert-FPCY-

\$400 performer program fee paid for by RW250;

\$125 venue fee paid for by private donor;

raised \$68 in donations

-July 9 - reschedule - Sweet Revenge: The Story of Benedict Arnold and Major Andre in the Accounts of the French Office and Soldiers,
Dr. Robert Selig, W3R - Fall

-July 23, Play: Guns at the Gateway!,
Sean Grady and Gary Petagine,
Target Audience: Adults and History Buffs,
Venue: First Presbyterian Church,
Fee: \$500 performer / Venue \$125,
Paid for by YHPC, Donations covered the venue fee
Raised \$128 in donations

-August 6, 2022, Saturday, 11am-12pm, Concert: This Man's A Spy! Family Concert
Carla Lynne Hall and Jim Keyes
Target Audience: Families, kids 6+
Venue: Railroad Park
Fee: \$400 performer / \$200 venue to Town
YHPC fund the performers and \$200 in venue fee
Joe Frogger cookies prepared and donated by Cortlandt Farm Market
raised \$50 in donations

September 24, Saturday, Time PM TBD
Play: Hulda: The Witch of the American Revolution
Carla Lynne Hall and Jim Keyes
Target Audience: Kids 10+, 1 hour
Venue: Hart Library
Fee: \$350 Living History to Go (funded via grant application by WLS Hart Library
through RW250 Living History to Catalog Programs)

October 8, Saturday 2pm
Play: Rendezvous with Treason: The Trial of John Andre
Sean Grady and Gary Petagine
Venue: First Presbyterian Church
Fee: \$500 performer / venue \$125

November 6, Saturday, 4pm
Webinar: Westchester Revolutionary War Place
President, Constance Kehoe, RW250 President
Fee: Free

5. Fund Raising and Grants

- Raised \$536 at April 9 event
- Raised \$68 at June 17 event
- Raised \$128 at July 23 event
- Raised \$50 at August 6 event

6. Proposed Homes of Distinction

-NA

7. Proposed Landmarks

-Isaac Underhill House: application draft completed; conversation with homeowner, reviewing code, concerned about limitations on future exterior construction, acknowledged receipt of codes, reviewing (options: landmark, HHD or national register listing)

-Hilltop Hanover Farm-County funded consultants to build master plan; attended stakeholder visioning workshop on Friday, November 5; shared aspects of research Terry completed; meets three out of five landmarking criteria: 1, 2, 5; Lynn amending the content to better fit criteria

-Underhill Farm-draft 99% complete, received advocacy letters from five entities, each request is customized, three more in the works

-Submitted Planning Board input: (including LOR, Unicorn proposed mitigation plan, Rochambeau/French encampment authentication)

8. Student Research Projects with WCC/Historic Preservation Certificate Program

-Rochambeau French encampment research continues

-early stages of planning for three city tour: North Salem, Hawthorne and Yorktown in 2023 June

9. Certificates of Appropriateness

-J. Vigilante reported the basement door collapsed and police were called to the Community Church

-contractor delayed in replacing the door per the January 26, 2021, Certificate of Appropriateness approval; also increased cost to donor of funding

-alternate contractor to be secured

10. Bronze Markers

-stored at Parks and Recreation Building

-Jim Martorano has okayed our continued storage of the markers

-planning design and execute install / recognition events when conditions permit

-next group: Davenport House, Congregational Church, Lane's Tavern, Community Church

-Bridget to develop proposed sign copy for Davenport House (we have funding for one, maybe two); draft copy samples provided

-planning install event underway with First Presbyterian Church in early Fall

11. CLIO

-working on draft of three Major John Andre stops as first CLIO submissions

12. Public Relations

-wrote and submitted press releases for This Man's A Spy concert, June 17

-wrote submitted press releases for Guns at the Gateway!, July 23

-featured in article on Underground Railroad, Northern Examiner, Underhill Family abolitionists, July 12-July 18

-wrote and submitted press releases for This Man's A Spy!,

-wrote copy and had flyers designed for all program events (assisted by Jessica Cox)

-posted flyers to YHPC, WCHS, YHS, Miller House, YSBA, Arts+Culture, Town Website, Facebooks Yorktown Families

13. Website and Facebook - Jessica Cox (no activity since last Zoom)

-main page updates made

-R. Steinberg must execute any changes to the photos/copy of HHDs and landmarks (ARCGIS) ("scrolls")

-Upload additional Certificates of Appropriateness and Resolutions

-Update and optimize the menu to be more clear (easier access to HHD & Landmarks scroll, separate out section for applications, tuck less frequently used pages under a heading)

-Change bullets and adjust where the print option appears on each page (currently shows up in a different place everywhere)

-Populate Public outreach page

-Update the press release page