

Sugar Hill Historic Preservation Society Meeting
Wednesday, November 17, 7:00 PM
City of Sugar Hill City Hall
Meeting Minutes

Approval of the Agenda

Kathryn Baskin, chairman, convened the meeting at 7:00 PM and welcomed everyone.

Kathryn Baskin called for a motion to approve the agenda. Stephanie Isaacs made a motion to approve the agenda. Bill Harting seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

The following members, volunteers, and guests were in attendance:

NAME	TITLE
Kathryn Baskin*	Board Member/Chairman
Joann Burel	Board Member/Treasurer
Tiffany Hale Carter*	Board Member
Bill Harting	Board Member
Kathy Harting	Volunteer
Stephanie Isaacs*	Board Member/Vice Chairman
Kim Landers	City Liaison/Secretary
Margaret Neal*	Board Member
Darrell Pruitt	Board Member
Steve Samples	Board Member
Alexis Torres	Museum Staff

The following members were absent:

NAME	TITLE
Ryan Butts	Board Member
Varessa Butts	Volunteer
Lindsay Davis*	Board Member
Ryckie Fernandez	Board Member
Brandon Hembree	Board Member

*Denotes committee chair

Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Kathryn Baskin called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 13, 2021. Bill Harting made a motion to approve the minutes. Joann Burel seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Joann Burel went over the Treasurer's report and changes. Kathryn Baskin indicated there was about \$2,230.00 left in the budget. The DAR money can carry over but must be used for books, education purposes, and library materials, there is about \$540.00 left in this fund. Kathryn indicated there were several items that could be purchased; the 200 business card magnets for \$83.73, name badges for members and volunteers (15 badges was quoted at \$127.50 plus tax), and a file cabinet to go in the museum library at approximately \$300.00.

It was mentioned that Joann still has a file cabinet to donate, and Kim indicated they could put that cabinet in the Planning Department archive room.

Members discussed purchasing a pay dirt pallet for the sluice box activity at the 2022 Sugar Rush. According to the quote from the supplier, it will cost \$1,600, if you order a pallet the shipping is free. Members agreed this is something to add to the budget for next year.

Kathryn commented that purchasing a tent for different events could cost between \$750-\$1,000. The estimated price would include having the SHHPS logo on it. Members discussed where this would be stored. Kathryn Baskin indicated that she had asked about the storage space the Players Guild rents under the E-center. Bill Harting indicated that he would research other sources on pricing for tents with a logo. Members agreed to continue exploring options for climate-controlled storage for artifacts and other needs. Kim Landers indicated that the Planning Department archives room has been previously discussed.

Kathryn indicated she would like approval from the SHHPS board for monies to cover business card magnets, magnetic name tags, a file cabinet and other miscellaneous items. She provided estimates of the costs. Darrell Pruitt made a motion to allow \$850 for those items to be purchased. Steve Samples seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously.

Kathryn indicated that she would like to purchase a cabinet/table for the exhibit displays. Darrell Pruitt made a motion to allow an additional \$800 for furniture purchases for the museum. Tiffany Hale Carter made the second. The motion was approved unanimously.

Museum Committee

Tiffany Hale Carter indicated that Bill Harting and Brandon Hembree would be giving presentations this Friday, November 19, on the current exhibit for gold mining.

Research Committee

Stephanie Isaacs reported that she had discussed a couple of topics for the next exhibit with Kathryn Baskin and other SHHPS members and that they agreed the next exhibit would be moonshining. Stephanie Isaacs indicated she will be researching the topic of moonshining in Sugar Hill to help organize the next museum exhibit.

Cemetery Committee

Stephanie Isaacs indicated clean up on November 6th went very well. She stated that there were 40 volunteers who participated. Other projects underway include the Eagle Scouts helping to put things on the website and assessing the condition of stone markers in the cemetery, etc. She added that the Veterans Day Ceremony was a success with a great turn out.

Digital Archives

Darrell Pruitt indicated that the video interviews were postponed until videotaping arrangements can be made. He spoke with Melissa Poloncarz, and she proposed around \$400 for her services but she doesn't have all the necessary equipment. Kathryn Baskin commented that the committee should continue to pursue this role and ask the city if staff and equipment support is available for future video interviews. Margaret Neal reported that the archives committee is meeting monthly and Steve Samples has helped to get information uploaded in the Omeka system. Kim indicated that she has been conducting a lot of audio interviews.

Scholarship Committee – Lindsay Davis, Committee Chair, was not able to attend the meeting but will be sending out an email to the scholarship committee so that they can begin the scholarship process by February 2022.

New Business

SHHPS members agreed not to meet in December.

Kathryn Baskin told members that there are two vacancies on the Historical Society Board. She asked members to make suggestions on who might be interested. Members agreed that potential members should attend SHHPS meetings before they are recommended.

Stephanie Isaacs proposed a new committee for historic recognition of the cemetery. Kathryn Baskin suggested that this could fall under research as a subcommittee. Joann Burel has expressed interest and indicated she would be willing to help with the information needed for the application. Kathryn suggested that Stephanie should organize an orientation meeting to see who all is interested in helping.

Kathryn Baskin reminded everyone that December 18th at noon is the DAR Wreaths Across America event. Stephanie Isaacs indicated set-up would start before noon at the Veteran's Memorial. She added that In February 2022 the DAR will have a mobile education unit in Downtown Sugar Hill.

Alexis Torres commented that more people are starting to visit the Museum and Gallery.

Margaret Neal recommended that an annual picture needs to be taken of SHHPS members. Everyone agreed that this should be done at the January 2022 meeting.

There was no further business. Bill Harting made a motion to adjourn. Steve Samples made the second.

Kathryn adjourned the meeting at 8:26 pm