

**WARREN COUNTY BICENTENNIAL
CULTURAL & HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD**

500 Mt. Pisgah Avenue
Oxford, NJ 07863

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
March 16, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Rapisardi opened the meeting at 5:03 p.m. and read the Open Public Meeting Notice and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Laurie Rapisardi, Jane Primerano, Charles Fineran, Jeanette Iurato, Nancy Miller

Staff Present: Corey Tierney, Gina Rosseland, Dennis Austin, Art Charlton, Matthew Duckworth

Minutes: The February 16, 2021 minutes were reviewed. Mr. Fineran motioned, seconded by Ms. Iurato, to approve the minutes as read as Ms. Miller abstained as she was unable to access the minutes file. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS

Bicentennial Commemoration

Book – Ms. Iurato said that the subcommittee was unable to meet due to personal issues but will look to meet within the next two weeks. Ms. Iurato noted she had contacted Hardwick Township about the book via email. Ms. Iurato asked the Board whether or not there should be a standard email drafted for send to each municipality so that each correspondence is uniform.

Mr. Tierney offered, along with Ms. Rosseland, to create and distribute a drafted email for the Board to review, then could be sent from the members or from the Land Preservation office. Ms. Rapisardi suggested that she or Mr. Tierney sign the letter, along with the signature of the Board liaison for each municipality. Mr. Tierney said he will begin working on a draft.

Website – Ms. Rosseland noted that she and Mr. Charlton will be attending a Granicus workshop on Wednesday, 3/17, to receive training on the new Bicentennial website. Ms. Rosseland announced that the layout for the website was approved.

Historic Markers – Mr. Tierney announced that he had submitted resolutions for the historic markers to the County Commissioners and that it would be on the agenda at the Wednesday, 3/24, Commissioner meeting. Mr. Tierney noted that each of the Commissioners echoed support for the project in the past. Mr. Tierney noted that he and Ms. Rosseland would collaborate to create an application for the project and notify the municipalities of the project.

NEW BUSINESS

County Museums and CHPP Grant

County Museums – Ms. Miller asked Ms. Rosseland if there was a way to DNA the hair fragments found in the Cornish Bible. Ms. Rosseland noted that while it was possible, there would be almost no chance of a genetic match because the hair was at least 100 years old.

Ms. Rosseland explained that her husband would be building the base for a stand for the Cornish Bible. Ms. Rosseland also noted that Dave Detrick would be making the display case for the Bible out of plexiglass and would be attaching it to the base.

County Arts

Art Grant – Mr. Austin noted that there are 18 successful regrantee applicants for the 2021 Arts Grant for a total of \$51,900 in payouts. Mr. Austin clarified that the Arts Grant panel consisted of four Warren County residents who make recommendations to the County Commissioners. Mr. Austin noted that before the BCHAB was created, the Commissioner were used as a guide but since the BCHAB is active, the recommendations can be reviewed by the Board before being passed along to the Commissioners for final approval. Mr. Tierney asked Mr. Austin if the County Commissioners had approved a budget for grants funding. Mr. Austin noted that as of the time of the Resolution, there was approval for over \$70,000 in grants, including regrantee funds.

Mr. Tierney requested a motion for the BCHAB to review the Arts Grant panel's recommendations before sending them to the County Commissioners for approval.

Mr. Fineran motioned, seconded by Ms. Iurato, to review the Arts Grant panel's recommendations as Ms. Primerano recused herself as she is a member of both Music at St. Luke's and Warren County Community Singers. Motion carried.

NJ Council of the Arts – Mr. Austin announced that the first payment (\$63,791) from the state application had been received for 2021. Mr. Austin reiterated that 80% was paid at the beginning of the year, followed by another 10% after submitting the interim report, and the final 10% after submitting the final report.

Teen Arts 2021 – Mr. Austin noted that he had met virtually from Porche Hardy and Mary Eileen from State Council on the Arts along with Boris Govrilovich of Centenary University. Mr. Austin said that the consensus was that Teen Arts would be virtual again this year but that it had not yet been confirmed.

Ms. Primerano asked what the impact on Teen Arts would be with the closing of the art studios at Centenary. Mr. Austin noted that the impact would be minimal but that it was a shame that the students will have to work in a classroom instead of a true studio.

ADA Plan – Mr. Austin announced that he had finished the ADA Plan on Saturday, 3/13, and that it had been submitted for review.

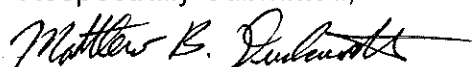
PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Iurato wanted to extend congratulations to Ms. Rapisardi for being awarded as *Inside Warren's Person of the Week* for her work as the director of the Hackettstown Business Improvement District and for her extensive volunteer work.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2021 at 5:00 pm via WebEx.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Mr. Fineran motioned, seconded by Ms. Iurato to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Matthew B. Duckworth
Community Service Aide