

## Irmari Nacht

### Englewood Historical Society

**Minutes** Tues September 25, 2018 @ 10am - ENGLEWOOD LIBRARY

Attending: Nacht, Arthur, Bennett Schoen, McKee, Passow, Monroe, Lee, Liebman, Carson, Braun. Regrets – Beaumont.

**1. Treasurer's report:** Irmari reported from Natalie that last statement from Investor's Bank same - \$7033.25 balance. That total reflects contributions received last month: \$1000 from Frank Lucianna Esq for Extraordinary Englewood, \$400 from Women's Club Englewood (new initiative.)

### 2. Old Business:

a. **Status Spring Lane/Hillside Avenue signage** – no action yet.

b. **Extraordinary Englewood book status:** Irmari reported that she is working with editor Tom Clancy about formatting text, Decision no ads included – most profiles long and go onto second side. Will offered to proofread after October. Charlotte and Irmari to do interview of Vidars to include

c. **Website:** Mike Passow: ready to work on upgrading info EHS website mid-October. FYI – Charlotte had print-out to hand around re: 15 Englewood Environmental and Historical Trail markers that were installed – locations briefly discussed Broad Avenue, E Palisade Avenue, Flat Rock Brook (by building), SESCIL on Grand Avenue, Durie Avenue (by Winton White Stadium), Jones Road (entrance to FRB), Liberty Pole (W. Palisade Avenue), Pathway (bw DMHS and Miller's Pond), Mackay Park (by Rink) and Palisade Ave (by First Presbyterian Church), Veteran's Park (S. Dean Street), Depot Park (Demarest Avenue), Mackay Park and Gatehouse, Tryon Avenue (by pool), Nordhoff Place (by Cedar Lane.)

e. **Woman's Club plaque** – new WCE President Susan Eastham following up. Plan to mount by front entrance.

f. **October program** confirmed: author Howard Barthoff, presentation about Camp Merritt in WW1. October 18 – 7 pm at Englewood Library. PR John Arthur and Irmari Nacht.

g. **City Council and historic preservation commission** - Cheryl Rosenberg very positive quote in recent article about Charlotte (Jewish Standard – Call to Justice) - Will Lee said if City Attorney said appointments must be my mayor only, OK with him if ordinance is written that council verifies appointments must be from all 4 wards. Currently proposal tabled by council. EHS to follow up to get back on agenda.

h. **2019 Annual Awards Dinner** – (updated) Serena contacted Tom Siracusa re honoree and he graciously accepted.. Felicia contacted Carol @ Clinton Inn and date of APRIL 3, 2019 is confirmed. Consensus to avoid Spring rush and Passover holidays – contact Raucher.

i. **EHS Ad for SESCIL gala** – honoring Hillary Vidars – consensus \$250 ad (quarter page).

Announce EHS book about Extraordinary Englewood, document EHS. Irmari prepare asap.

### 3. New Business:

a. **Update Taylor Bliss House** – Charlotte met with city manager Ed Hynes re possibility of Harvey Park and Ed to look at property. Key issues cost to move, neighbors wishes. Ed to get back to Charlotte. Interesting!

b. **Archives:** John Arthur, library director – contacted re student intern re archives, will follow up. (Note, Brenda Thomas stopped in and was looking for grandfather's photos from Army

Chaplin service – we featured in Gatehouse 3. She had been in Room C – unsuccessful and apparently our Gatehouse materials have been moved. Follow up in Room C - Irmari, Charlotte, Tom and Janine.)

John also announced plans for 50th anniversary of library building – staff planning reception and exhibit for November 4, 2018.

**c. Discuss possible project** – target Spring 2019 – New signage for historical buildings that have been torn down: What Was There? Who Was There? Identify and prepare documentation of people, places. Could have marker in ground. Work with DMAE research. Examples: Dizzy Gillespie, house, Lincoln School, Memorial House, Atheneum, Demarest Farm.

Councilman Charles Cobb working on signage for site of former Lincoln School (new building One William on site.) Signage requires Council action.

**d. Funeral information** – Englewood resident Doug Wilson (Douglas Fairbanks Wilson); Services Friday and Saturday September 28 and 29 – 11 am at Saint Cecelia's Church Englewood. Wilson was musician and artist, born and raised Englewood, DMHS 1971.

**e. Programming:** Will Lee offered to prepare program about Donald Mackay for Spring 2019 program.

**f. More archiving:** Janine prepared list of documents after sorting through Beverly Mitchell papers in Charlotte's garage – will follow up and cross reference with papers at Natalie Beaumont's.

#### **4. Announcements:**

**a. David Braun** is presenting program about English Neighborhood on October 11 at 7 pm (same time as SESCIL gala). He invited all to Leonia Octoberfest Saturday September 29, 4 to 10 pm. Held in American Legion Hall.

**b. Mike Passow** is presenting program about Englewood and Historical Trail, October 24 – Englewood Library @ 7:30 pm.

**c. Serena** to find out asking price of Ritta property Grand Ave, part of English Neighborhood – former church with adapted use, owned by Ritta sons. Also to check what's happening to the former Nordhoff firehouse, now in a state of semi-demolishment

**5. Next Meeting** Tuesday October 30, 2018 @ 10 am, Englewood Library.