

can choose which sites they would like to visit. Ms. Watson asked about the availability and coordination of the various sites, and Ms. Martinelli said when people register they will be given a map letting people know the hours of the historical sites. Ms. Watson commented that most sites do not have docents, and Ms. Martinelli suggested visitors can take photos to prove they visited. Ms. Moreno thinks the event is great but would like to see a lot of sites included. Ms. Merighi asked about the budget, and Ms. Martinelli thinks it will cost \$3,000-\$5,000. Mr. Pisarski asked if the Commission gives them \$1,000 could they use it for marketing, Ms. Martinelli said they could use the funds for marketing. A motion was made by Mr. Kaneshiki to approve a \$1,000 to Vineland Historical and Antiquarian Society for marketing of "The Cumberland County History Race." The motion was seconded by Ms. Merighi and passed unanimously. The funds will come from SSRDMO.

2015 Encore Awards - Recap

Mr. Pisarski commented that several commission members attended the Encore Awards. Mr. Pisarski said there were only 13 award recipients this year. Mr. Pisarski suggested that cost may have been a factor for such a low number of recipients. Ms. Merighi enjoyed the program but did not like that the ceremony and reception were in different locations.

Liaison Reports

Ms. Merighi commented that Gallery 50 will be having an opening reception for Bay Gals on June 5th. Upper Deerfield had a great turnout for Community Day on April 25th.

Ms. Watson said Jewish Food Day will be August 19th.

Ms. Moreno said the Cumberland County Library will have Neill Hartley playing Franklin D. Roosevelt. On July 18th Renee Goodwin will be portraying Eleanor Roosevelt.

Ms. Lods commented that Martin Short will be at the Levoy Theater on September 26th and Art Garfunkel will be there on June 25th. Millville Development Corp. will be having their semiannual artist day on the Maurice River. The City of Millville will be separating from the Millville Development Corp. after 21 years.

Tourism Advisory Council Comments – Kimberly Gauntt

Postponed until next meeting.

Other Old/New Business

The alcohol for the Artists Forum will be coming out of the trust account. Mr. Pisarski said if we have alcohol at another event the alcohol will have to come out of the trust account or a private sponsor will have to be found.

Ms. Lods asked how the county move is coming along; Mr. Pisarski said at next month's meeting he will give a full tour of the new building. Mr. Pisarski said that the Cultural & Heritage meetings either have to be moved to an earlier time or moved to another day so they do not conflict with the Freeholder meetings. Mr. Pisarski will send out an email to members with suggested changes.

Meghan Wren thanked the Commission for all their support. Bay Day will be held June 6th. At the Bayshore Center they will be having events on third Saturdays.

Flavia Alaya said building partnerships is a wonderful idea. Cohansey Riverfest will be held August 23rd. Ms. Lods asked if Bridgeton Main Street is hiring.

Courtney Reece said the poetry festival was great with all age groups participating. Jim Bergmann will be at the Bridgeton Library on July 8th telling stories about the Civil War and on July 22nd Walt Whitman: The Gray Poet event will be held.

Freeholder Sheppard said he will ask about Yogesh Thakur's nomination at tonight's Freeholder meeting.

Correspondence

Sharon Loudon wrote a letter thanking the Commission for Artist Talks event.

Susan D'Ottavio, Millville Library sent an email thanking the Commission for the media consulting mini grant. Mr. Pisarski will be receiving a report from SNJ Today when the organizations have completed their media grant sessions. Mr. Pisarski feels the organizations will be more active with their online presence since they have received help from SNJ Today. Meghan Wren said social media mini grant that Bayshore received has been very helpful.

Mr. Pisarski passed around the Cinco de Mayo ad that was placed in the Visto Bueno Magazine. Mr. Pisarski is not aware of the results from placing the ad but maybe the Commission would like to continue to place ads in the Hispanic newsletter.

Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Lods. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaneshiki and passed unanimously.