

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES**

January 13, 1998

3:30 P.M.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Present: Suzanne Merighi Austin Gould
Jean Jones Joseph Polhamus
Penny Watson Susan Gogan
Mel Brody Patricia Gale
Sunako Oye
Freeholder Charles Griffiths

Kim Wood, Director
Nancy Cannone, Acting Secretary

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday January 13, 1998 at 3:30 p.m., in the Freeholder Meeting Room, County Administration Building, by Chairman Penny Watson.

The Chairman called for approval of the Minutes of December 9, 1997. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Joseph Polhamus, seconded by Austin Gould and passed unanimously.

WELCOME:

Director Wood introduced new Commission member Sunako Oye and welcomed her to the group.

REPORTS:

The meeting was turned over to Director Wood who reported on the following:

OLD BUSINESS:

GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP:

Director Wood reported that the Grant Writing Workshop held on Tuesday January 6th was fairly well attended including representatives of the Lenni Lenape Indians a new Grantee. Those Grantees that did attend were those who needed the Workshop. Barbara Jones did an excellent job, and has again volunteered her services to pre-review all applications as long as she receives the applications by January 19th. The deadline for Mrs. Wood to receive the applications is February 9th. The Director reported that she has been contacted by the Porcelain Painters of Southern New Jersey as a possible applicant this year.

250th ANNIVERSARY:

(LECTURE SERIES) Suzanne Merighi reported that to date she has set up the following lectures:

1. FEBRUARY 18TH (Wednesday)
"The History of the Glass Industry in Cumberland County"
Gay Taylor, Wheaton Village
Vineland Library
2. FEBRUARY 25th (Wednesday)
"The Heritage of the Maritime Industry in Cumberland County"
Meghan Wren, The Schooner Project
Millville Library
3. MARCH 8TH (Sunday)
Architectural Heritage of the Greenwich Area"
(Timber frame and pattern brick architecture)
Jeffrey Klee, Graduate Student, University of Delaware
Bridgeton Library

Ms. Merighi will get posters and publicity out on the three events listed above. If there is a good response, and people are interested, perhaps another series could be set up for later in the year.

Freeholder Griffiths asked if the 250th Logo would be used in the publicity. Suzanne will work up the information on the lectures and get it to Kim to transfer it using the Logo. The Cultural & Heritage banner will also be used for this lecture series.

(PHOTO EXHIBIT) Penny Watson reported on the Photo Exhibit. The Photo's from the western side of the County are at the Canvas Bag being mounted. These photos are being mounted with velcro so that they can be removed easily. Jean Jones reported that she had the photo's from the eastern half of the County with her to give to Ms. Watson.

Ms. Watson reported that all bills will be sent directly to the County.

(PHOTO CONTEST) Mel Brody reported that he had not done anything on the photo contest to date. He has spoken to Bob Rose who has run such contests before and he is getting all the materials together and he will get it to Mr. Brody.

CCC&HC FUND-RAISER: Director Wood reported that Judy Collins is signed to do a concert in Cumberland County on Saturday April 25th! She has agreed that in addition to her concert she is willing to do a student workshop, and mingle with sponsors at a reception afterward. Mrs. Wood does not yet have a breakdown for the donors and what they are entitled to, but she will have it shortly. By the next meeting she hopes to have informational packets for each CCC&HC member giving more details.

NEW BUSINESS:

ENCORE AWARDS: The Director reported that Southern New Jersey Cultural Alliance has a benefit every year. (Mrs. Wood was voted as a Trustee of the Alliance in April.) They have asked if this Commission would support a table of ten at \$550.00 for the Awards evening. The event will be held at Ceasars Palladium Ballroom, Atlantic City, Tuesday, March 10th. This is a worthwhile organization, they do a lot to help us with our marketing, also are a terrific voice for the smaller arts organizations. Joseph Polhamus made a motion, seconded by Mel Brody and carried unanimously, to support a table at a cost of \$550.00. This is the date of our scheduled March meeting.

PRISON PROJECT: Pat Gale asked about the status of the prison project. Mrs. Wood said she had prepared a Press Release on this project in November and sent it to FCI Fairton. They put the brakes on it because the money to pay the artist had not been appropriated from one budget to another in the federal government.

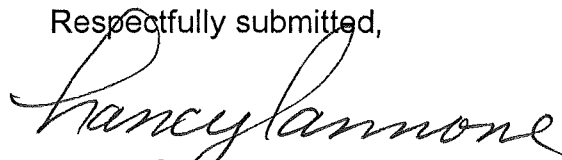
FY 1999 BLOCK GRANT: Chairperson Penny Watson asked Mrs. Wood if, with all the work for the 250th celebration and the Judy Collins concert, would she would have the time to work on the Grant - or should the Commission get someone else to write it this year? Freeholder Griffiths suggested that she put of attempting to write it until next year when there wouldn't be the 250th Celebration plus the fact that after coordinating the Judy Collins Concert. The Director agreed that she was concerned about the time element of having three big projects that needed to be done, and would welcome the assistance. As there is money in the budget a motion was made by Pat Gale, seconded by Jean Jones and passed unanimously to secure assistance in writing the Grant.

BOOK PROJECT: A question was asked about the status of the book project. Mrs. Watson stated that she had she had spoken to Barbara Bruno about a month ago, and she had not done anything on the project but was blocking out a period of time after Christmas to work on the book full time. Mrs. Bruno did tell Jean Jones that she would be done by the contract date, which should be June 1998. Mrs. Jones asked if it was possible that the Cumberland County Historical Society could review the work and the book could be gotten into print before the end of the 250th Anniversary? All members agreed that it would be nice if it could be completed at the start of the new school year in September and efforts would be made to do so. In the meantime a

decision could be made on the type of binding to be used. Mrs. Wood will look into this and get back to the Commission.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Cannone".

Nancy Cannone
Acting Secretary

**REMINDER: The Next CCC&HC Meeting is scheduled for
FEBRUARY 10, 1998**